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characters

■ **Kuroyukihime** = Umesato Junior High School student council vice president. Trim and clever girl who has it all. Her background is shrouded in mystery. Her in-school avatar is a spangled butterfly she programmed herself. Her duel avatar is the Black King, "Black Lotus."

■ **Haruyuki** = Haruyuki Arita. Grade Seven at Umesato Junior High School. Bullied, on the pudgy side. He's good at games but is shy. His in-school avatar is a pink pig. His duel avatar is Silver Crow.

■ **Chiyuri** = Chiyuri Kurashima. Haruyuki's childhood friend. A meddling, energetic girl. Her in-school avatar is a silver cat.

■ **Takumu** = Takumu Mayuzumi. A boy Haruyuki and Chiyuri have known since childhood. Good at kendo. His duel avatar is Cyan Pile.

■ ***Kira** = Yutika Kozuki. Grade Five girl who pretended to be Haruyuki's cousin to get in direct contact with him. Her real identity is the Red King, ruler of the Red Legion. Her duel avatar is Scarlet Rain.



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accel world 03: the twilight marauder &

accel world 04: flight toward a blue sky &

accel world 05: the floating starlight bridge

Special Episode

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key words

■ **Neurolinker** = A portable terminal that connects with the brain via a wireless quantum connection, and which supports all five senses with enhanced images, sounds, and other stimulus.

■ **Brain Burst** = Neurolinker application sent to Haruyuki by Kuroyukihime.

■ **Duel avatar** = Player's virtual self, operated when fighting in Brain Burst.

■ **Burst points** = Points required to use the power of acceleration. To obtain them, players must win duels against other duel avatars. If a player loses all their points, Brain Burst is forceably uninstalled.

■ **Legion** = Groups, composed of many duel avatars, with the objective of expanding occupied areas and securing rights. The Seven Kings of Pure Calor act as the Legion Masters.

■ **In-school local net** = Local area network established within Umesato Junior High School. Used during classes and to check attendance. Umesato students are required to always be connected to it.

■ **Global connection** = Connection with the worldwide net. Global connections are forbidden on Umesato Junior High School grounds, where the in-school local net is provided instead.

■ **Enhanced Armament** = Items such as weapons or personal armor owned by duel avatars.

■ **Normal Duel Field** = The field where normal Brain Burst battles (one-on-one or tag matches) are carried out.

■ **Unlimited Neutral Field** = Field for high-level players where only duel avatars at level four and up are allowed. The game system is of a wholly different order than that of the Normal Duel Field.



CHAPTER

#23

IT'S BEEN
A WEEK
SINCE THEN.

ON THE ROAD
HOME, ALL THE
CHERRY TREES
ARE FULL OF
NEW GREEN.



...WHILE
KUROYUKIHIME-
SENPAI LEFT
ON HER
SCHOOL TRIP.



AH...!!

I WATCHED
THE CHERRY
BLOSSOM
PETALS DANCE
DOWN...



WELCOME
BACK...

...
KURÖYUKI-
HIME-
SENPAI...!!

W.....

...I'M
HOME.

HARUYUKI-
KUN...

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7-1

THANK
YOU. I'D BE
GLAD TO.

I'LL
LEAVE MY
BAG HERE,
OKAY?

P-PLEASE
COME IN.

BAG: ANDAGI BOMB

BUT...YOU
REALLY
SURPRISED
ME.

I THOUGHT
I WOULDN'T
GET TO SEE YOU
UNTIL AFTER THE
WEEKEND, ON
MONDAY...

YOUR
PRESENT...
I WANTED TO
GET IT TO YOU
AS SOON AS
I COULD.

I CAME
STRAIGHT
FROM
HANEDA
AIRPORT.





...A NEW STUDENT JOINED TAKU'S KENDO TEAM.

UH-HUH...

HE'S MAYBE USING ACCELERATION...?

!?

WE CHECKED ON THE IN-SCHOOL LOCAL NET. SOON AFTER...

"THERE ARE NO BURST LINKERS AMONG THE NEW SEVENTH GRADERS."

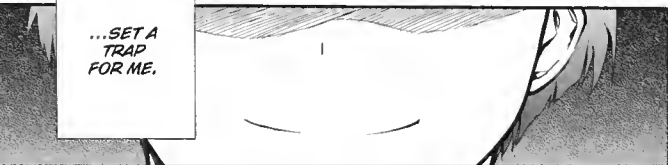


SEIJI NOMI.

HIS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR DURING THE MOCK KENDO TOURNAMENT...

...MADE ME AND TAKU DECIDE TO CHECK HIM OUT.











**DEMONIC
COMMANDEER.**

—HE...

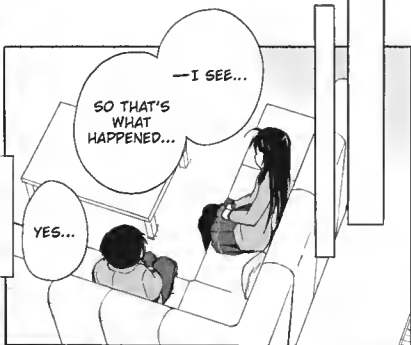
...STOLE MY
WINGS.....



JUST REMEM-
BERING
NOW...

...MY
REGRET
AND
DESPAIR
AT THAT
MOMENT...

GU
(COLENT)



—I SEE...

SO THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED...

YES...



...FIFTY
PERCENT THE
DESIRE TO
PUNCH YOU!!

...SHALL
I TELL YOU
WHAT I'M
FEELING RIGHT
NOW?

FORTY-NINE
PERCENT THE
DESIRE TO
PRAISE YOU...
AND...



...NOW THEN,
HARUYUKI-
KUN...



I-I'M
SORRY!!

IF YOU HAD
SAID EVEN A
WORD ABOUT
THE SITUATION,
I WOULD'VE
FLOWN HOME
FROM OKINAWA
RIGHT AWAY!!

WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL ME
ABOUT ALL
THIS AT THE
TIME!?

I'LL MAKE
YOU A
BELOVED
LAPDOG.

YOU'LL
SERVE ME
FROM NOW
ON.

I
DRAGGED
CHIYURI
INTO
NOMI'S
TRAP.

BECAUSE
OF THAT,
THINGS
GOT BAD
WITH
TAKU...

WHY
WON'T
YOU TELL
ME THE
TRUTH?

SORRY FOR
HITTING YOU,
HARU...



SHUN
(GALLING)

...But...

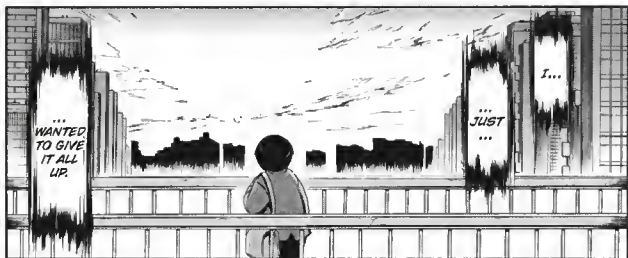
...you only
get one school
trip in your
whole life...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
RUIN IT...

SIGH...

...HE WENT SO FAR
AS TO SET UP A
VISUAL MASK IN
MY NEUROLINKER.

I COULDN'T
MAKE ANY
CARELESS
MOVES... THAT
WAS PART OF
IT TOO.



...
WANTED
TO GIVE
IT ALL
UP.

...
JUST
...

I...



HEY!!

JUST WHEN
I WAS
STARTING
TO LOSE
MYSELF...

THERE'S
SOMEONE I
WANT YOU
TO MEET...!!

GET ON
ALREADY!!



A PLEASURE.

...ASH
ROLLER TOOK
ME TO THE
TOP OF THE
OLD TOKYO
TOWER...

...TO A
PLACE
INFINITELY
CLOSE TO
THE SKY.

GLAD TO
MEET YOU,
CORVUS-SAN.

THERE, I
MET SKY
RAKER...



YES.

SO RAKER IS...
ASH ROLLER'S
GUARDIAN?



...I SEE.



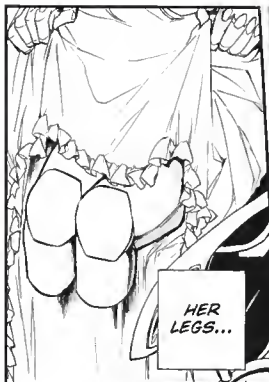
CORVUS-
SAN...

...ASH WAS
THINKING,
YOU SEE...

...THAT PERHAPS I
COULD ASSIST YOU
IN GETTING YOUR
WINGS BACK...

A LONG
TIME AGO...
SKY RAKER
FOUGHT
ALONGSIDE
KUROUYUKI-
HIME.

SHE WAS
A MEMBER
OF NEGA
NEBULUS.



HER
LEGS...



!?



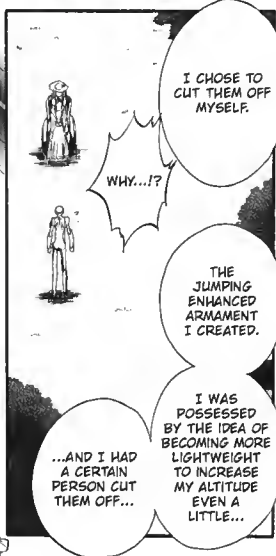
HERE...



...BLACK
LOTUS...
IT WAS
KUROYUKI-
HIME-
SENPAI.

...WAS HER
FRIEND AND
LEGION
MASTER...

THE
PERSON
WHO CUT
THEM
OFF...



I CHOSE TO
CUT THEM OFF
MYSELF.

WHY...!?

THE
JUMPING
ENHANCED
ARMAMENT
I CREATED.

I WAS
POSSESSED
BY THE IDEA OF
BECOMING MORE
LIGHTWEIGHT
TO INCREASE
MY ALTITUDE
EVEN A
LITTLE...

...AND I HAD
A CERTAIN
PERSON CUT
THEM OFF...



BUT...

...EVEN GOING
TO SUCH
LENGTHS, THE
FLYING ALTITUDE
I GAINED...

...WAS A MERE
THREE HUNDRED
FIFTY METERS...
ABOUT AS HIGH
AS THIS TOWER.

THESE HANDS
DIDN'T REACH THE
SKY I SOUGHT...
AND THEN...

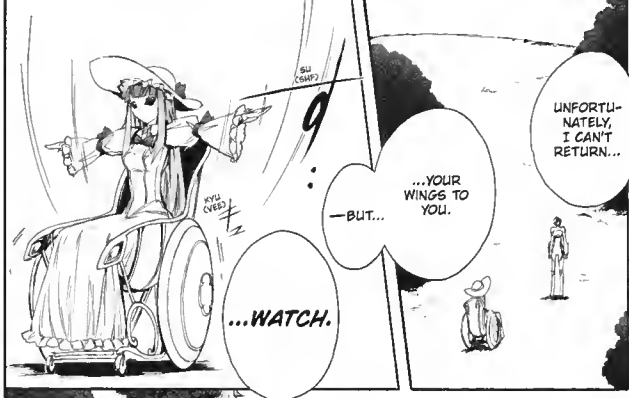
...BY THE
TIME I REALIZED
THIS, I HAD LOST
EVERYTHING
PRECIOUS TO
ME...




...LOTUS TRIED
TO STOP ME.

BUT I
NO LONGER
UNDERSTOOD
EVEN HER
FEELINGS.

I SAID
TERRIBLE
THINGS TO
HER...EVEN
SO, SHE...
...WITH A SAD
LOOK ON HER
FACE...SHE
GRANTED MY
WISH.



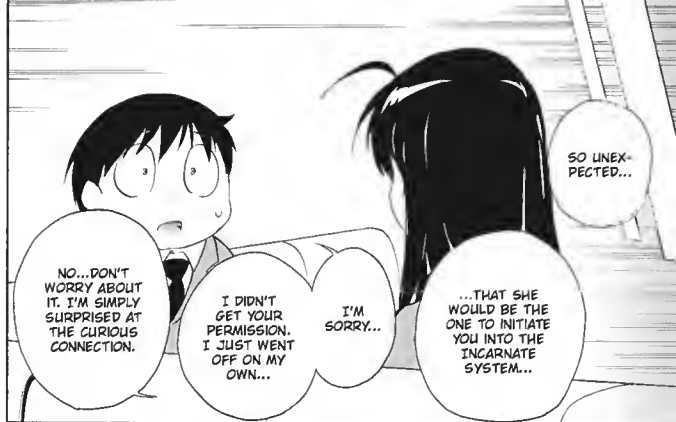


THOSE WHO
DISCOVER THE
EXISTENCE OF
THIS CONTROL
VIA THE IMAGE
SYSTEM...

A POWER
HIDDEN WITHIN
ANY BURST
LINKER...

...HAVE A
NAME FOR
THIS POWER—

**INCARNATE
SYSTEM.**



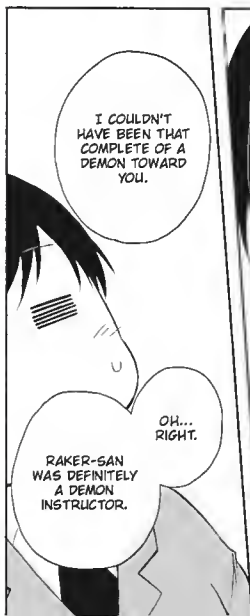
NO...DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT. I'M SIMPLY
SURPRISED AT
THE CURIOUS
CONNECTION.

I DIDN'T
GET YOUR
PERMISSION.
I JUST WENT
OFF ON MY
OWN...

I'M
SORRY...

...THAT SHE
WOULD BE THE
ONE TO INITIATE
YOU INTO THE
INCARNATE
SYSTEM...

SO UNEX-
PECTED...



I COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN THAT
COMPLETE OF A
DEMON TOWARD
YOU.

RAKER-SAN
WAS DEFINITELY
A DEMON
INSTRUCTOR.

OH...
RIGHT.



AND...
SHE'S MORE
QUALIFIED
THAN I AM.

OF ALL THE
HIGH-LEVEL
LINKERS WHO
HAVE MASTERED
INCARNATE...

...RAKER IS
PROBABLY THE
ONE WHO MOST
BELIEVES IN THE
POSSIBILITIES OF
THAT SYSTEM.

HIRA
CLUTTERD

うさ...

The Incarnate trait
already begun

I MEAN,
SHE...

AAAH!

...SO I'M
SUPPOSED
TO...

...CLIMB UP
UNDER MY
OWN POWER,
THEN...

RESPAWNED AN HOUR
AFTER HIS DEATH

...SUDDENLY
PUSHED ME
OFF THE TOP
OF THE OLD
TOKYO TOWER...

THINK OF IT
AS A SINGLE
SWORD...!!

FROM MY
ARM TO MY
FINGERTIPS...

MY
OPPONENT
WAS THE
TOWER,
COVERED
IN THE
HARD STEEL
PLATING OF
THE DEMON
CITY STAGE.

TRAINING TO
LEARN HOW TO
OVERWRITE...



FROM MY
ARM TO MY
FINGERTIPS...

THINK OF IT
AS A SINGLE
SWORD...!!

*TRAINING TO
LEARN HOW TO
OVERWRITE...*



...I WILL
GIVE YOU MY
WINGS.

RIGHT NOW,
SO THAT YOU
MIGHT GET YOUR
WINGS BACK...

TOMORROW MORNING
AT SEVEN...PLEASE
COME TO THE BURGER
SHOP AT THE WEST
EXIT OF SHINJUKU
STATION.



SOMEDAY, WITH
THIS INCARNATE
POWER...

BUT FOR
THAT...
YOU WOULD
HAVE TO FORGE
YOURSELF
TIRELESSLY.
A STORY FOR
THE DISTANT
FUTURE.

...YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO FLY
FREELY EVEN
WITHOUT WINGS.



*...MY
ENHANCED
ARMAMENT...*

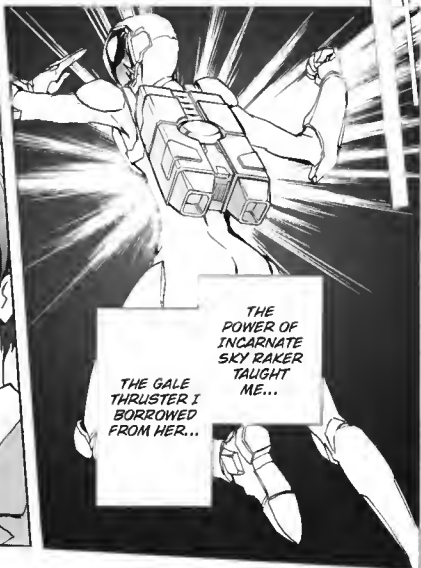
*...GALE
THRUSTER...*

*...THANK YOU
SO MUCH...*

*...RAKER-
SAN...*



ARMED
WITH
THESE...



THE GALE
THRUSTER I
BORROWED
FROM HER...

THE
POWER OF
INCARNATE
SKY RAKER
TAUGHT
ME...



...STILL
WASN'T
EASY
BY ANY
MEANS.

...THE FIGHT
TO GET
MY WINGS
BACK...

CITRON...

...CALL!!

EACH
TIME WE
FOUGHT
...

...THE
LOVE AND
BONDS
BETWEEN
US...

WHY...?

...
WERE
THOR-
OUGH-
LY...

...
TRAM-
PLED.

CHIYU!!

WHY!?

A DESPERATE
BATTLE WITH
SEIJI NOMI,
A.K.A. DUSK
TAKER,
PLAYED OUT
ENDLESSLY.



...BIG
BROTHER
HARUYUKI!



IT'S BEEN
AAAAGES...

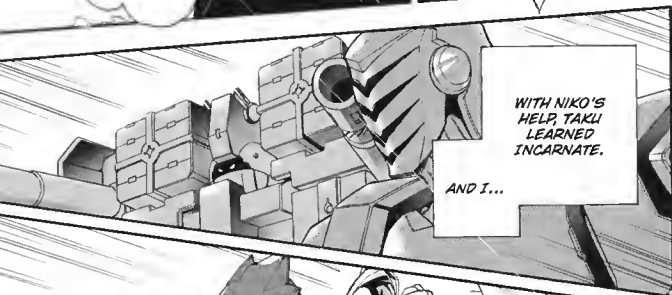


AND
YET...

Haru...

TAKU!

I BELIEVE
IN CHIYU!!



WITH NIKO'S
HELP, TAKU
LEARNED
INCARNATE.

AND I...



...CHASED
DOWN THE
MYSTERY OF
WHY DUSK
TAKER
WASN'T
SHOWING
UP ON THE
MATCHING
LIST.

...TOGETHER WITH
BLOOD LEOPARD,
A SENIOR
MEMBER OF THE
RED LEGION
PROMINENCE...



...AND WE
HEADED
FOR A
DIVE CAFE
IN AKI-
HABARA.

WE FOUND
OUT THERE
WAS A LOCAL
NET TROLL
CUT OFF
FROM THE
LIST...

WE
MANAGED TO
RESOLVE THE
MYSTERY
OF THE LIST
BLOCKING.

NOMI HAD AN
ILLEGAL
IMPLANT CHIP
IN HIS BRAIN.

THERE,
WE DUELED A
BURST LINKER
CALLED "RUST
JIGSAW."



LET'S
SETTLE
THIS...IN A
DUEL.

...YOU HAVE MY
VIDEO. I KNOW
YOUR SECRET.

NOMI...



...TO
THE
FINAL
BATTLE.

NOMI...
TOLD ME
TO COME...

FACED
WITH
THE
FINAL
BATTLE
...



NOMI HAD
SET A
COWARDLY
TRAP,
BUT...

IT IS A
PLEASURE
TO MAKE
YOUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.

...BLACK
VISE.

I'M
THE VICE
PRESIDENT
OF THE AC-
CELERATION
RESEARCH
SOCIETY...



THAT
SOUNDS
FINE.

PLEASE
BRING
ALONG
MAYUZUMI-
SENPAI.

WE BET
ALL OF OUR
BURST POINTS.
THE ONE LEFT
STANDING
WOULD TAKE
THEM.



...WE...!!

...EVEN
SO...

FROM
OKINAWA IN
THE UNLIMITED
FIELD...!?

IMPOS-
SIBLE...



COMPAN-
IONS...
FRIEND-
SHIP...

BONDS
...!!



THEN YOU
COULD'VE
GOTTEN WHAT
YOU REALLY
WANTED.



WHEN WE MET,
YOU COULD'VE
JUST SAID "NICE
TO MEET YOU"
AND CHALLENGED
ME TO A DUEL
LIKE A NORMAL
PERSON.

NOMI...

...YOU
WERE
WRONG!!



HA...!
HA-HA-
HA!



"COM-
PAN-
IONS"...
YOU
SAY!?

ME?

HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA!

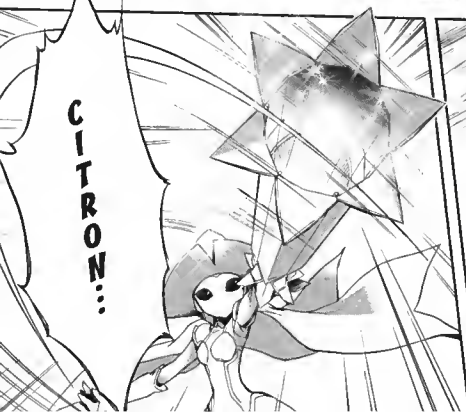
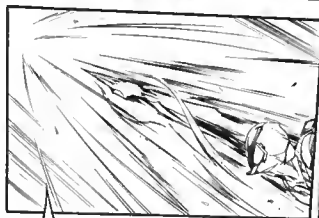


THIS
WORLD
DOESN'T
NEED...

...TWO
FLIERS
...!!

...SAY
SUCH
IDIOTIC
THINGS
AGAIN!!

I WILL
FINISH THIS
FOR YOU NOW,
SO THAT YOU
CAN NEVER...





...CAAAALL!!

CHIYU...!



THIS
ALONE IS
ABSO-
LUTE...

SEE!?
RULE
THROUGH
PILLAGING
...

DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH!!

FRIEND-
SHIP!?
BONDS!?

AH-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA!!



PARIN
(SHATTER)

POW—

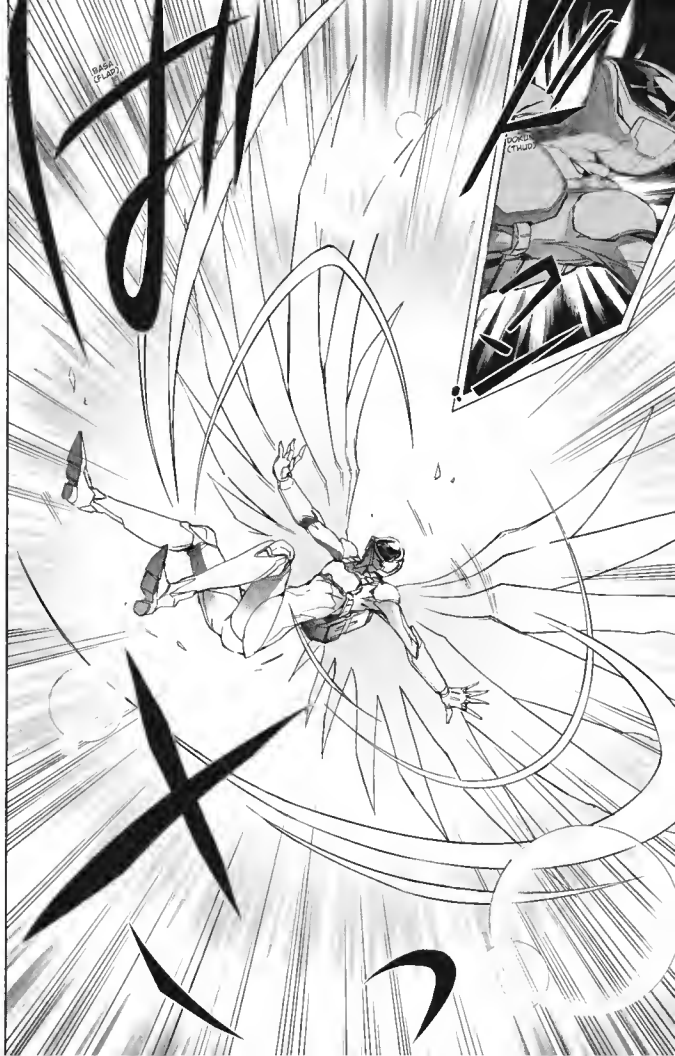
!?

MY
WINGS...!!

MY...

WASA
CLAP!

DOKE!
(CHUD)





WELCOME HOME—...

AAAH...

AAH...



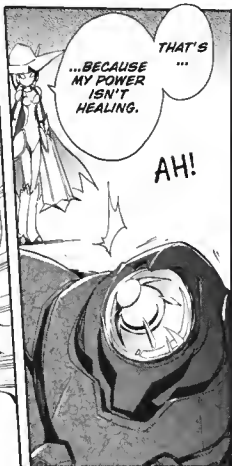
MY WINGS
DISAPPEARED
AND RETURNED
TO HIM...!!

IMPOS-
SIBLE...



CITRON
CALL IS THE
ABILITY TO
TURN BACK
TIME...!!

I FIG-
URED
IT OUT.



...BECAUSE
MY POWER
ISN'T
HEALING.

THAT'S
...

AH!



CHIYU...



I'LL TAKE
MY LEAVE
NOW.

APOLOGIES,
BUT THIS
IS FAR
ENOUGH
FOR ME.



I TURNED
BACK TIME
TO BEFORE
YOU STOLE
HARU'S
WINGS.

I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS
CHANCE
ALL THIS
TIME
....!!

I...I'VE NEVER
ONCE BEEN
YOUR FRIEND!!

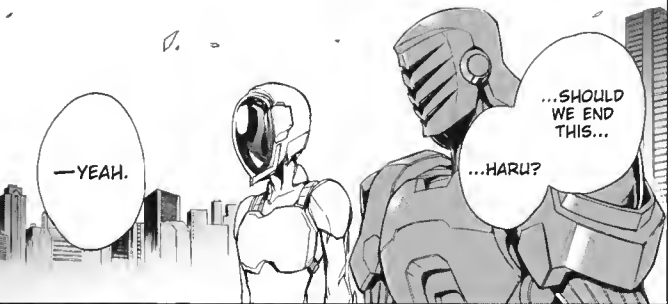


I WON'T
ACCEPT IT!
...I WILL
NOT ALLOW
THIS TO
HAPPEN!!

SOMEONE
HELP ME!!
I'LL GIVE
YOU A
MOUNTAIN'S
WORTH OF
POINTS!!

DAM-
MIT!!

DAM-
MIT...!



ZASHU
CVRSHKO







**I
WANTED
TO DO
THIS.**

**...ALL THIS TIME,
I'VE WANTED TO
DO THIS...**

**...AND THAT,
DESPITE THAT,
YOU WERE
TRYING TO
STAND UP TO
YOUR ENEMY...**

**EVER
SINCE I GOT
CHIIYURI-
KUN'S MAIL
SAYING THAT
YOUR WINGS
HAD BEEN
STOLEN...**



I WAS SO
WORRIED.

MM...I
WAS
WORRIED.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT I
WOULD HAVE
DONE IF I HAD
LOST YOU...



YOU...
REALLY DID
DO GREAT.

I COULDN'T BE
THERE FOR YOU
AT A TIME LIKE
THAT...I'M A
FAILURE AS A
PARENT.

THAT'S...I'M
SORRY FOR
MAKING YOU
WORRY.



HUH?

R-
REWA-?

...I...

...HAVE TO
GIVE YOU YOUR
REWARD.



WHAT?

BOOO
WHISPERO



SENPAI...



ASK ME...

...FOR
ANYTHING.
ONE THING.



THAT'S IT...
THAT'S ALL
I WANT.

PLEASE
...

...BE
WITH ME
FOREVER.

WHAT ELSE
COULD I
WANT...?

YOU EXISTING
FOR ME IN THIS
WORLD...



WH-WH-WH-
WHAT ARE YOU
EVEN TALKING
ABOUT!?

IS
THIS...

KANA
(GULLED)

...A
PROPOS...?

OH,
UM, I...
I JUST...

HUH?



AH...

HUH?



KUSHA
(TOUBLED)

I PROMISE
YOU—I
WILL BE
BY YOUR
SIDE...

...FOREVER
AND EVER...

UNDER-
STOOD.



HM?
WHAT IS
IT?

...CAN I
ASK YOU
ONE MORE
THING?

UM...
SENPAI...



—OH.

RIGHT.



WILL YOU...
COME WITH ME
TO MEET HER?

...SOMETHING
PRECIOUS I
BORROWED
FROM SKY
RAKER-SAN.

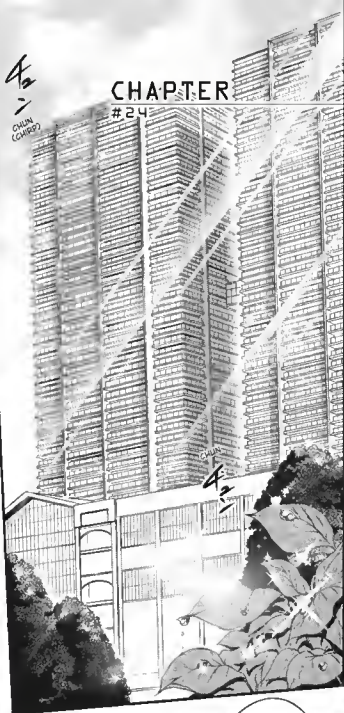
I WANT TO
GO AND
RETURN...

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CHUN
(CHIBO?)

CHAPTER

#24



OH...
CHIYU.

TAKKUN!!
HARU!!



CHII-CHAN,
YOU HAVE
MORNING
PRACTICE
NOW?

YEAH,
WELL...

MORNING!

THIS IS
WEIRDLY EARLY
FOR YOU,
HARU.



GOOD
LUCK!

YEAH.

'KAY, SEE
YA!!

I DO!!
SPRING
TOURNAMENT'S
COMING UP,
AFTER ALL.



IT WAS SO
INCREDIBLY
TOUGH, BUT I
KEPT TRYING.

I...WORKED
REALLY HARD,
YOU KNOW.

I LOVE...

...YOU
BOTH!!!

THE RELATION-
SHIP AMONG
THE THREE OF
US GOT WORSE
IN THE THING
WITH NOMI...

BUT IT'S
OKAY NOW...
WE MANAGED
TO GET BACK
TO HOW WE
USED TO BE.



WHAT A
RELIEF.

SHE'S THE
SAME OLD
CHII-CHAN.

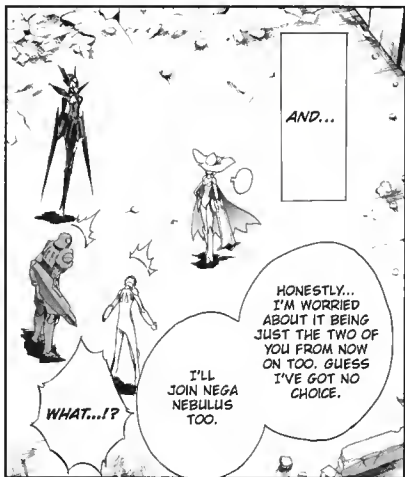
YEAH.



HEHEHE
(WHIMPER)



HEH...



AND...

HONESTLY...
I'M WORRIED
ABOUT IT BEING
JUST THE TWO OF
YOU FROM NOW
ON TOO. GUESS
I'VE GOT NO
CHOICE.

I'LL
JOIN NEGA
NEBULUS
TOO.

WHAT...!?

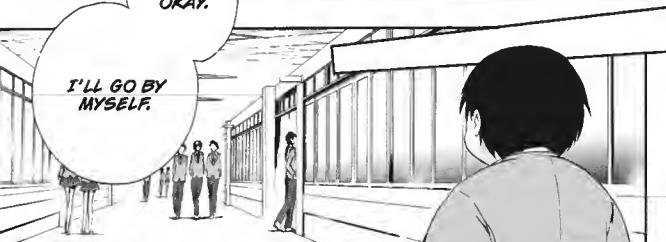
*You have been accepted into the
Legion Nega Nebulus.*

...WHAT WERE
WE EVEN
WORRIED
ABOUT?

BUT IT IS
GREAT...
REALLY
GREAT...

SERIOUSLY.

HA
HA
HA!



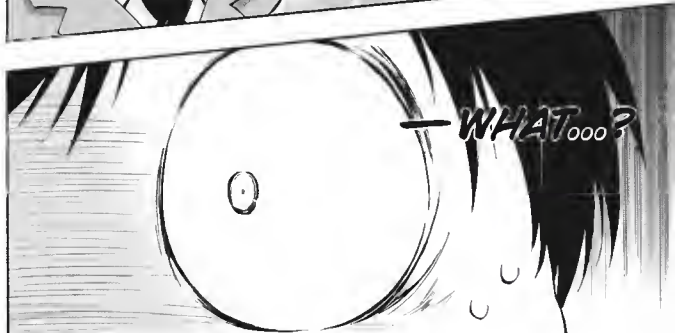






WHAT WAS
IT CALLED
AGAIN...?

THAT
GAME...



—WHAT...?

...
MEAN
...

I'M SORRY,
BUT I DON'T
REALLY HAVE
MUCH INTEREST
IN NET GAMES
ANYMORE...

AH...DID YOU
MAYBE COME TO
INVITE ME TO
PLAY?

DOES
THIS...

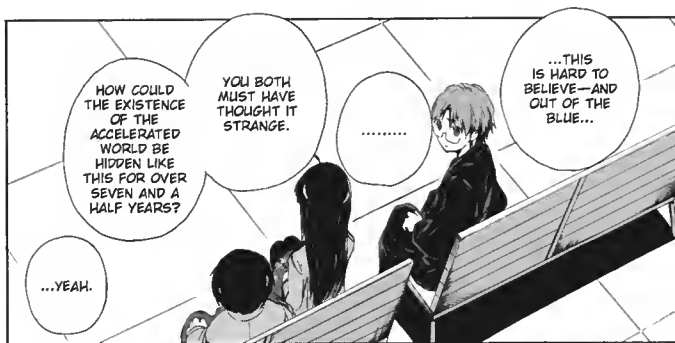
...HIS
MEMO-
RIES...

10 PEKO
(BOW)

...HAVE
DISAP-
PEARED
...!?

WELL...

I'LL BE ON
MY WAY...



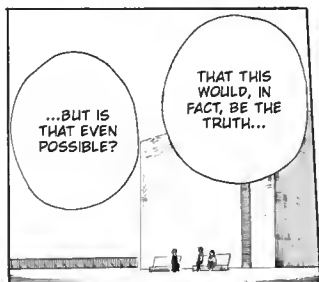
HOW COULD
THE EXISTENCE
OF THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD BE
HIDDEN LIKE
THIS FOR OVER
SEVEN AND A
HALF YEARS?

YOU BOTH
MUST HAVE
THOUGHT IT
STRANGE.

...THIS
IS HARD TO
BELIEVE—AND
OUT OF THE
BLUE...

.....

...YEAH.



...BUT IS
THAT EVEN
POSSIBLE?

THAT THIS
WOULD, IN
FACT, BE THE
TRUTH...



ALTHOUGH,
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IT PROPERLY
MYSELF...

I'VE HEARD
IT'S NOT
IMPOSSIBLE
WITH THE
NEUROLINKER
IN PRINCIPLE.



WE GUESSED
AT SEVERAL
REASONS FOR
THIS, AND ONE
OF THESE IS A
RUMOR.

THE RUMOR IS
THAT WHEN BRAIN
BURST IS DELETED,
IT TAKES YOUR
MEMORIES WITH
IT...



A
COMPLETELY
AVERAGE
SEVENTH
GRADER.

HEY, TAKU,
HOW'S NOMI
IN KENDO?

THE DEMON'S
BEEN
EXORCISED.



I CAN'T HELP
WONDERING.

.....
HEY,
HARU...



IF WE WANT
TO KNOW THE
ANSWERS, OUR
ONLY OPTION IS
TO REACH LEVEL
TEN AND ASK THE
DEVELOPER.

AT ANY RATE...
NOMI HAS, IN
FACT, LOST HIS
MEMORY.

I GUESS
SO...



TAKU...

...AND
WHO'S NOT,
BETWEEN US
AND NOMI...?

WHO'S
NORMAL
NOW...



WE AREN'T
THE NORMAL
ONES...

IT'S
OBVIOUS.



...WE
CHOSE
THIS
PATH...

HOW-
EVER...

...YES?

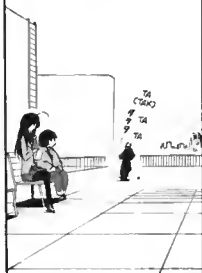
HEH...



...I HAVE
TO BE
GETTING
BACK.

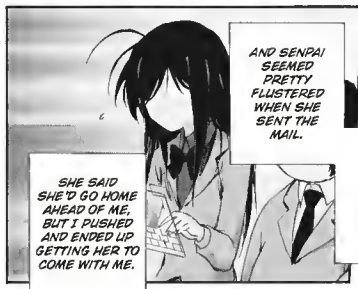
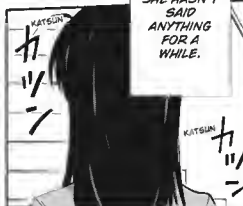
YOU'RE
TOTALLY
RIGHT,
MASTER.

WE...DID,
DIDN'T WE?



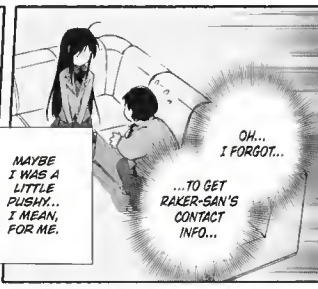


SENPAI...
SHE HASN'T
SAID
ANYTHING
FOR A
WHILE.



SHE SAID
SHE'D GO HOME
AHEAD OF ME,
BUT I PUSHED
AND ENDED UP
GETTING HER TO
COME WITH ME.

AND SENPAI
SEEMED
PRETTY
FLUSTERED
WHEN SHE
SENT THE
MAIL.



MAYBE
I WAS A
LITTLE
PUSHY...
I MEAN,
FOR ME.

OH...
I FORGOT...

...TO GET
RAKER-SAN'S
CONTACT
INFO...



I PROBABLY
DON'T HAVE
THE RIGHT TO
DO OR SAY
ANYTHING.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT'S
BETWEEN
THEM.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
WHAT I'M
DOING IS
RIGHT...



...I SAW
IT.

BUT...



IN THE
DEPTHS
OF BOTH
OF THEIR
EYES...



AND THEN
SENPAI, WHEN
SHE WAS
LOOKING AT
THE ANSWER
TO HER MAIL...

THAT
MORNING...THE
EXPRESSION
THAT FLASHED
ACROSS RAKER-
SAN'S FACE...





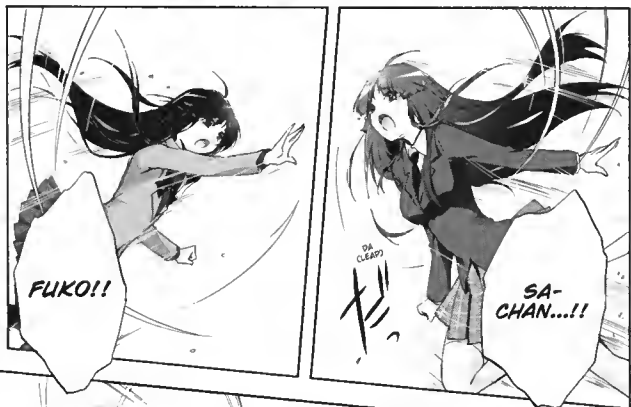
RAKER!!



**SENPAI
...!!**

**COME
BACK...**

FUKO!!





ON THIS
DAY, NEGA
NEBULUS...



...WELCOMED
SKY RAKER'S
REENTRY...



...AND
BECAME
A LEGION
OF FIVE
MEMBERS.

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

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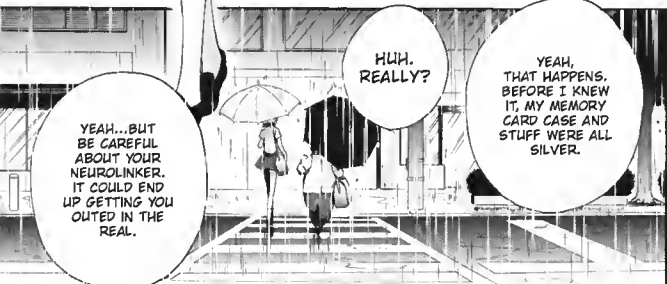
HEY...DID YOU
GET A NEW
UMBRELLA?

YEAH.



SOMEHOW,
A LOT OF
MY STUFF IS
TURNING INTO
THE COLOR OF
MY AVATAR.

AH
HA
HA...



YEAH...BUT
BE CAREFUL
ABOUT YOUR
NEUROLINKER.
IT COULD END
UP GETTING YOU
OUTED IN THE
REAL.

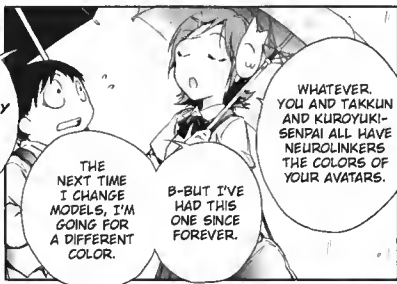
HUH.
REALLY?

YEAH,
THAT HAPPENS.
BEFORE I KNEW
IT, MY MEMORY
CARD CASE AND
STUFF WERE ALL
SILVER.



PROOOOBBABLY
PIANO BLACK,
I BET.

BULL'S-
EYE...



THE
NEXT TIME
I CHANGE
MODELS, I'M
GOING FOR
A DIFFERENT
COLOR.

B-BUT I'VE
HAD THIS
ONE SINCE
FOREVER.

WHATEVER.
YOU AND TAKKUN
AND KUROYUKI-
SENPAI ALL HAVE
NEUROLINKERS
THE COLORS OF
YOUR AVATARS.



You do?
Really...?

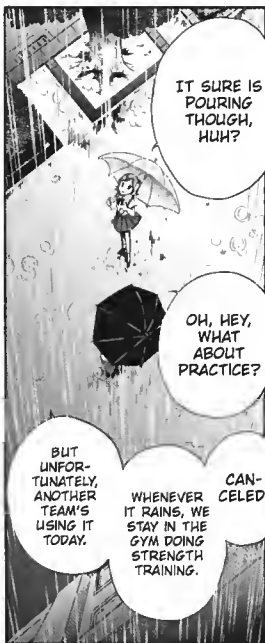
I WISH
THE RAINY
SEASON
WOULD END
ALREADY.

IF I DON'T GET
SOME EXERCISE
EVERY DAY, I
FEEL SO GROSS,
LIKE ALL MY
MUSCLES ARE
FADING AWAY.

I WISH WE
HAD OUR OWN
DOJO LIKE
TAKKUN AND
THE KENDO
TEAM.



I DON'T
GET
THAT AT
ALL.



IT SURE IS
POURING
THOUGH,
HUH?

OH, HEY,
WHAT
ABOUT
PRACTICE?

BUT
UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
ANOTHER
TEAM'S
USING IT
TODAY.

WHENEVER
IT RAINS, WE
STAY IN THE
GYM DOING
STRENGTH
TRAINING.

CAN-
CELED.



W-WORK
OUT...
HOW...?

...WHAT'S
THAT
REACTION
ABOUT?

O-OHH!
YOU WERE
THINKING
SOMETHING
WEIRD!



WORK
OUT
WITH
ME?

I'VE
GOT
IT,
HARU.

H-
HUH!?



I WAS JUST
THINKING WE
COULD GO AND
DUEL -
TAG-TEAM
STYLE.

Th-that's
tatally what
I was talking
about.

What I
meant was:
What area
and what
kind af fight
style and
stuff...?

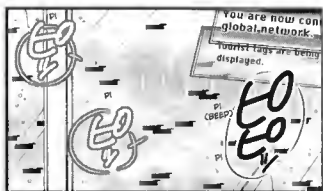
OHH,
HMM...
WELL...



IT'S
TOTALLY
WHITE!!

I THOUGHT
MAYBE WE'D
GET ABOVE THE
CLOUDS ON THIS
OBSERVATION
DECK AT THE
GOVERNMENT
BUILDING.

WHOA!



TOO BAD,
HUH? WE
CAN'T SEE
THE SKY AT
ALL.



S-SURE.

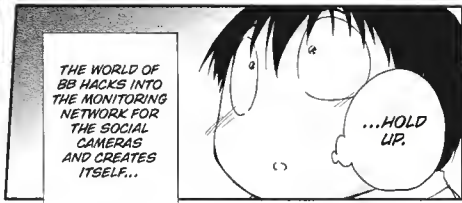
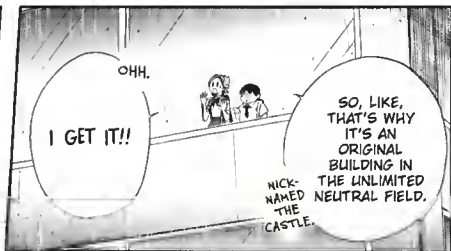
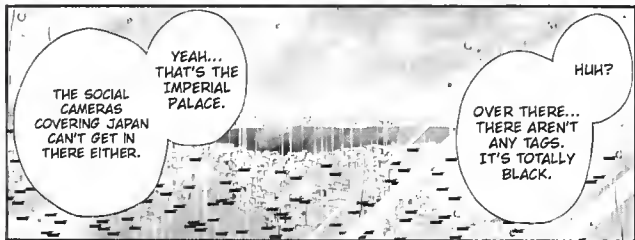
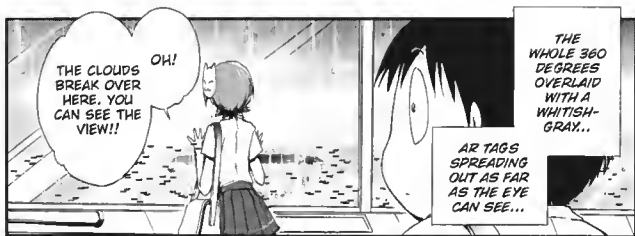
IF IT WAS NICE
OUT, WE'D BE
ABLE TO SEE
ALL THE STUFF
UNDER THE
GUIDE TAGS.

WE CAME ALL
THIS WAY!
LET'S DO ONE
ROUND!

RIGHT.

WELL,
THANKS TO
THIS, WE HAVE
THE WHOLE
PLACE TO
OURSELVES.

LET'S
CONNECT
GLOBALLY
ALREADY AND
GO ON DUEL
STANDBY.





...THERE
WERE
CAMERAS
OUTSIDE
JAPAN
TOO...?





AND...
WE'RE IN
A DUEL,
THEN?

BETTER
CONCENTRATE
ON THIS
RIGHT NOW.

I LIKE IT WAY
BETTER THAN
SOME BRUTAL
MAP LIKE A
CENTURY END.

WHY?
IT'S SO
PRETTY.

I'm bad
at these.

Ugh...
a Primeval
Forest
stage.

Silver Crow

Frost Horn

Lime Bell

Tourmaline Shell

YOU HAVE
TO PRACTICE
FIGHTING ON
THE GROUND
SOMETIMES
TOO, YOU
KNOW.

QUIT
WHINING!!

BOTH
ACTIVE
MEMBERS
OF THE
BLUE
LEGION,
LEONIDS.

SO OUR
OPPONENTS
ARE FROST
HORN AND
TOURMALINE
SHELL.

There's too
much stuff in the
way. It's bad for
flying...

(BA
DIVE)

OKAY!!

ALL
RIGHT!!
SURPRISE
ATTACK
FROM
ABOVE!!

YEAH,
I GUESS...
ALL RIGHT!

YOU WANNA
GET DOWN
FROM HERE
AND MAKE
THIS A QUICK
FIGHT?

YEAH!!

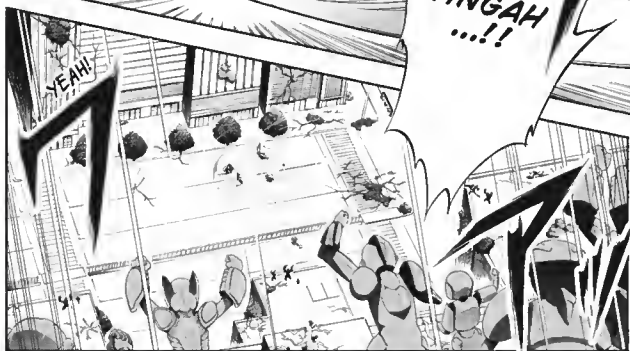


HYUO
(RAYGO)



DOO
CHUWAND

HNGAH
...!!



YEAH!

BISH!!
(SNAP)

I BET YOU
COULDN'T
SEE ANYTHING
IN ALL THAT
RAIN!!

THAT'S NOT
THE POINT,
HORN-KUN!!

DAMMIT!!

YOU WERE
UP ON THE
OBSER-
VATION
DECK!!

GAAAN!!
(GAAASP)

IT'S A
DATE....!!

WHAAAAT
...!?

WH—

THE MALE AND
FEMALE TYPES
WERE ON A DATE,
HORN-KUUUUN!

N-no, that's
not—I mean,
a date or—

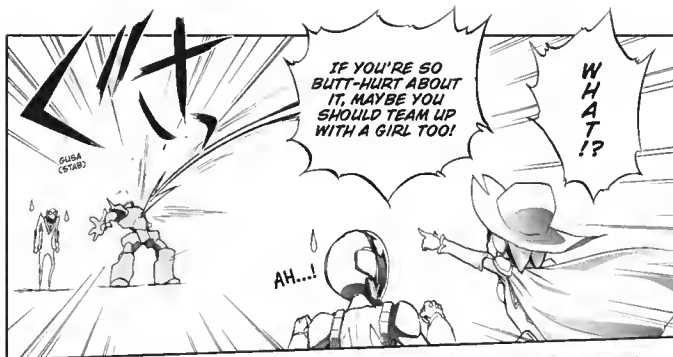
GAAAH!

YORO
(STAGGER)

SO...ON A
DATE, MIGHT
AS WELL
DUEL...!?

...AND THEN BE
ALL HUGS AND
KISSES, HORN-
KUUUUN!!

THEY
THINK
THEY'RE
GONNA TAKE
US DOWN...



IF YOU'RE SO BUTT-HURT ABOUT IT, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TEAM UP WITH A GIRL TOO!

WHAT?!

AH...!



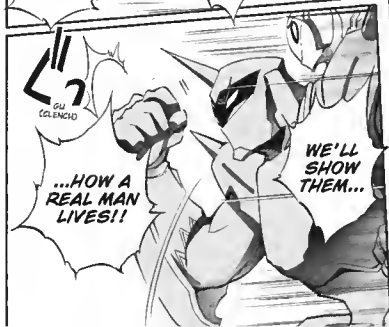
WHOA... THAT'S, LIKE, SERIOUSLY AMAZING, HORN-KUUN!!

SHUT UP!

THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR PATTING EACH OTHER ON THE BACK, TORI!

WE'RE ALL HERE, WE'VE GOTTA BEAT THEM...

...AND MAKE THE ROAD HOME FOR THESE TWO A LITTLE AWKWARD AT LEAST!!



...HOW A REAL MAN LIVES!!

WE'LL SHOW THEM...



Y-you don't pull punches...

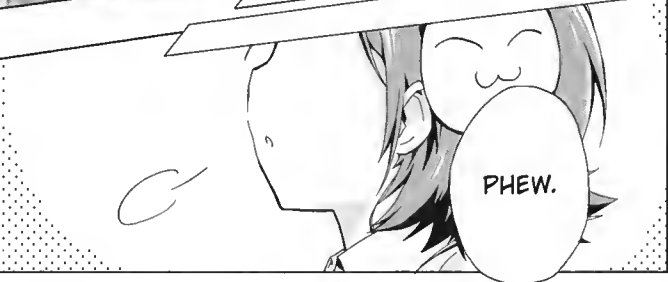
WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF GIRL LINKERS IN LEONIDS...

I MEAN, JUST THE IDEA OF A GROUP OF CLOSE-RANGE FIGHTERS STINKS OF SWEAT.

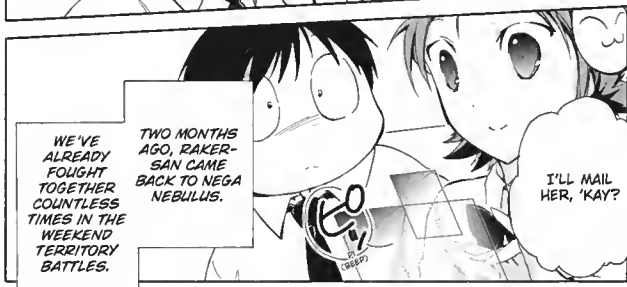
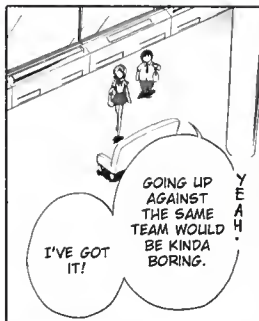


HERE IT
COOOO-
OMES!!

YEAH!



PHEW.





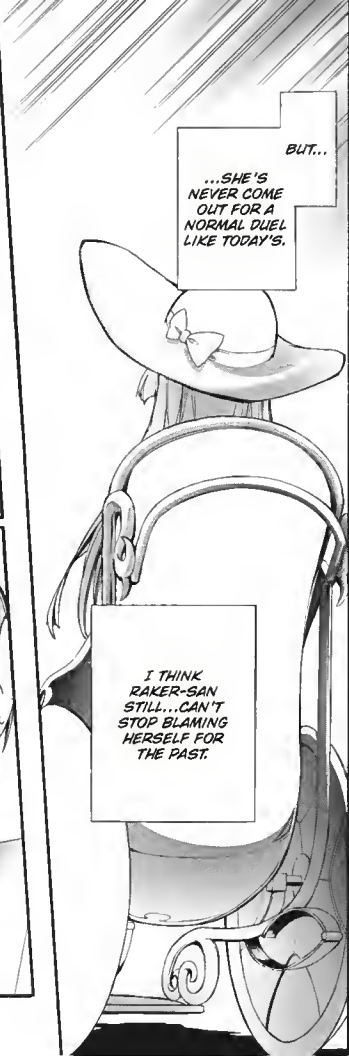
SHE'S
PROBABLY
JUST TRYING
TO KNOCK ON
THE DOOR TO
RAKER-SAN'S
HEART IN HER
OWN WAY.

CHIYU
KNOWS
THAT TOO.



SHE
SAYS...

...
"SORRY."



BUT...

...SHE'S
NEVER COME
OUT FOR A
NORMAL DUEL
LIKE TODAY'S.

I THINK
RAKER-SAN
STILL...CAN'T
STOP BLAMING
HERSELF FOR
THE PAST.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

YEAH.



RAKER-SAN'S
IN HIGH
SCHOOL AND
ALL. SHE HAS
TO BE SUPER
BUSY ON
WEEKDAYS.

I'M SURE
WE'LL SEE
HER OVER THE
WEEKEND.



AAH, THAT
WIN FELT
GREAT!

OKAY. THAT
WAS FUN
BEFORE, SO
I'M GOOD
TOO.

YEAH, I
GUESS.

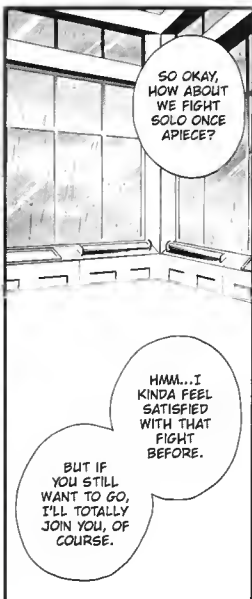


NEXT TIME, WE'LL
DROP ON YOU
FROM THE TOP OF
TOKYO SKYTREE
TO KICK YOU IN
THE HEADS!

I MEAN,
HOW ARE
THEY EVEN
GONNA GET
UP THERE?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE SAID
THAT!!

PFFT!



SO OKAY,
HOW ABOUT
WE FIGHT
SOLO ONCE
APIECE?

HMM...I
KINDA FEEL
SATISFIED
WITH THAT
FIGHT
BEFORE.

BUT IF
YOU STILL
WANT TO GO,
I'LL TOTALLY
JOIN YOU, OF
COURSE.



...UP
THERE...?

...EVEN
COVER IT...

AND TO BEGIN
WITH, DO
THE SOCIAL
CAMERAS...



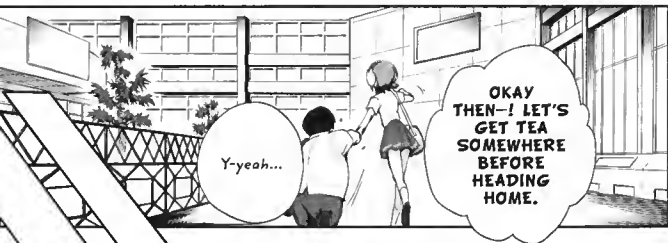
IT'S LIKE TWO
HUNDRED METERS
FROM THE
OBSERVATION DECK
TO THE ANTENNA
AT THE VERY TOP.



OH, UH—
N-NO, IT'S
NOTHING.

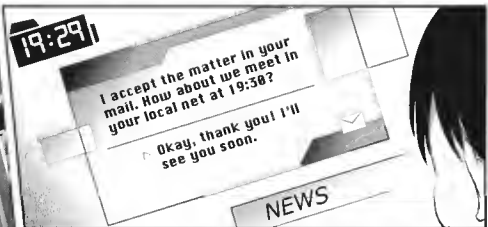
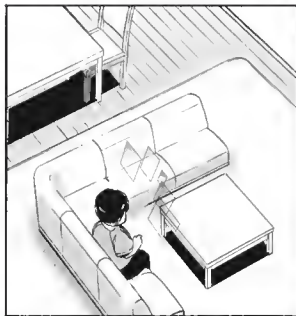
WHAT'S
WRONG,
HARU?

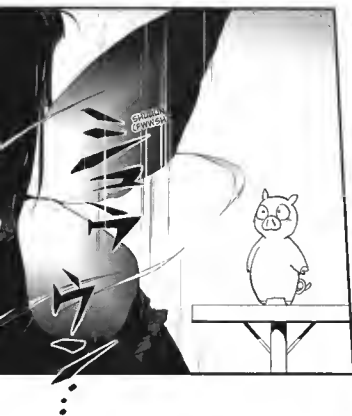
.....?



Y-yeah...

OKAY
THEN—! LET'S
GET TEA
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE
HEADING
HOME.





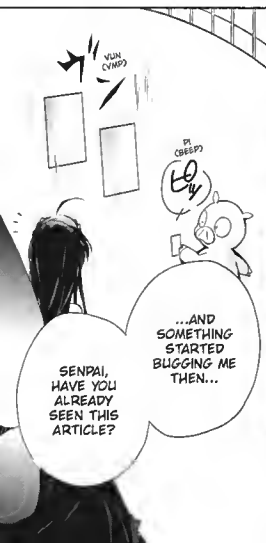
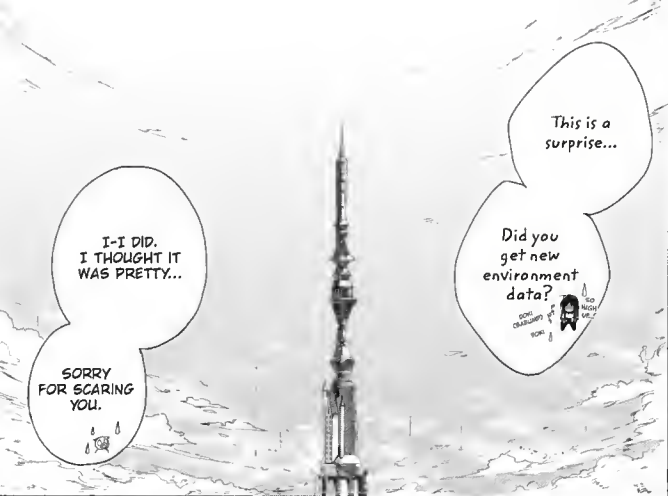


HYUOOO
(HYOOO)

BIKU
(GULP)

IS
SOMETHING
THE MATTER?
WANTING
TO TALK ALL
OF A—

GOOD
EVENING,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.



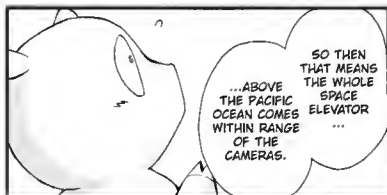


SO WHAT
ABOUT IT?

**"JAPANESE
SECURITY
SYSTEM IN
THE HERMES
CORD SPACE
ELEVATOR"?**

MM, I FEEL LIKE
I CAUGHT A BIT
OF THIS ON THE
EVENING NEWS.

RIGHT,
UH, UM...



SO THEN
THAT MEANS
THE WHOLE
SPACE
ELEVATOR ...
...ABOVE
THE PACIFIC
OCEAN COMES
WITHIN RANGE
OF THE
CAMERAS.



SO I
WAS JUST
THINKING
HERMES CORD
WOULD SHOW
UP...

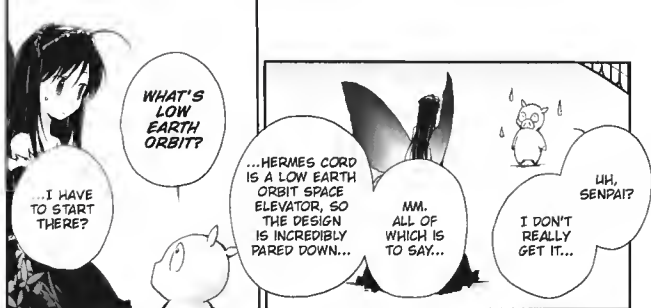
...IN THE
ACCEL-
ERATED
WORLD
TOO...



THAT
SECURITY
SYSTEM
IS...

...THE SOCIAL
CAMERAS,
RIGHT?





THE TRANSPORT COST BY WEIGHT IS SO LOW THAT LAUNCHING A ROCKET OR A ROUND-TRIP WITH A SHUTTLE DOESN'T BEGIN TO COMPARE.

...HOWEVER...

EARTH

PUT SIMPLY, YOU BUILD AN EXTREMELY TALL TOWER FROM THE SURFACE INTO SPACE...

...AND THEN YOU USE AN ELEVATOR THAT GOES UP AND DOWN THIS TO MOVE PEOPLE AND MATERIALS... BASICALLY.

...THE BASE AREA WOULD HAVE TO BE ON A SCALE LARGE ENOUGH TO SWALLOW UP JAPAN ENTIRELY, LIKE SHOWN HERE.

...ASSUMING THE SAME CONSTRUCTION METHODS AS USED ON TOKYO SKYTREE, TO BUILD A TOWER THAT WOULD REACH UP TO SPACE...

WE THEN SUSPEND FROM THERE A STRONG AND LIGHTWEIGHT CABLE.

...THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE EARTH.

WE BUILD A STATION IN STATIONARY ORBIT...

STATIONARY ORBIT
(36,000 KM)

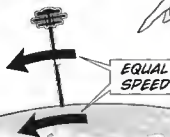
HERE, WE CHANGE OUR WAY OF THINKING...

...LIKE THIS...

EARTH

EARTH

...FOR ALL APPEARANCES, IT NEVER MOVES FROM THE SKY ABOVE. JUST AS THE NAME SAYS, IT'S STATIONARY.



SINCE THE SPEED OF OBJECTS GOING AROUND IN GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT IS BASICALLY PERFECTLY SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH...

OH!
I GET IT!!



THUS...

...IF YOU ATTACH THE END OF THE CABLE TO THE EARTH...

...YOU GET A TOWER—OR RATHER, A LADDER THAT REACHES FROM THE EARTH TO SPACE.



MM! IT WOULD!!



BUT...NO MATTER HOW LIGHT THE MATERIAL, IF THAT CABLE IS THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND KILOMETERS LONG...

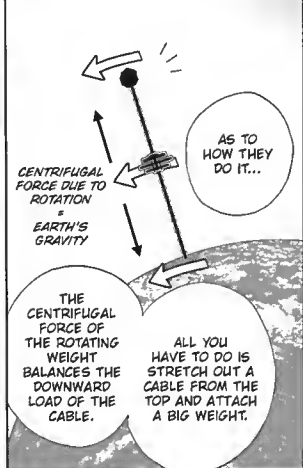
...WOULDN'T THE STATION BE PULLED DOWN BY THE WEIGHT AND FALL?



NO, THEY
DON'T BRING
IT UP FROM
THE EARTH.

I-I GET
IT...

...BUT THIS
WEIGHT...HOW
DO THEY GET IT
UP THERE?

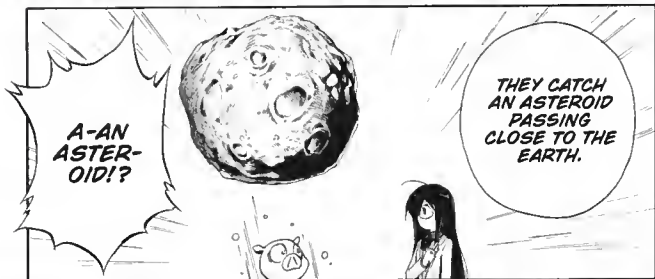


CENTRIFUGAL
FORCE DUE TO
ROTATION
=
EARTH'S
GRAVITY

AS TO
HOW THEY
DO IT...

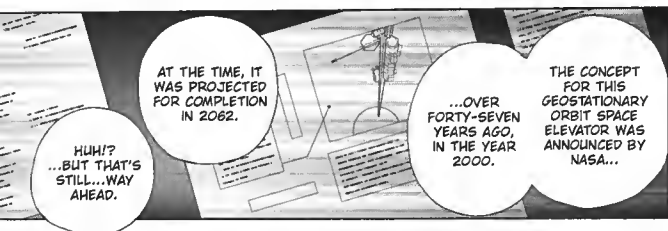
THE
CENTRIFUGAL
FORCE OF
THE ROTATING
WEIGHT
BALANCES THE
DOWNWARD
LOAD OF THE
CABLE.

ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO IS
STRETCH OUT A
CABLE FROM THE
TOP AND ATTACH
A BIG WEIGHT.



A-AN
ASTER-
OID!?

THEY CATCH
AN ASTEROID
PASSING
CLOSE TO THE
EARTH.



AT THE TIME, IT
WAS PROJECTED
FOR COMPLETION
IN 2062.

THE CONCEPT
FOR THIS
GEOSTATIONARY
ORBIT SPACE
ELEVATOR WAS
ANNOUNCED BY
NASA...

...OVER
FORTY-SEVEN
YEARS AGO,
IN THE YEAR
2000.

HUH!?
...BUT THAT'S
STILL...WAY
AHEAD.



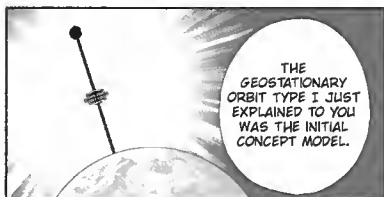
THAT'S
FIFTEEN YEARS
FROM NOW,
RIGHT?

...ISN'T THAT
KIND OF
IMPOSSIBLE?

THE IDEA
WAS THAT, IF
THEY WAITED
UNTIL '62,
AN ASTEROID
WOULD LUCKILY
BE FLYING BY...

MM,
IT IS.

...AND THEY
WOULD HAVE
DEVELOPED THE
TECHNOLOGY TO
CATCH IT.



THE
GEOSTATIONARY
ORBIT TYPE I JUST
EXPLAINED TO YOU
WAS THE INITIAL
CONCEPT MODEL.



LOW EARTH
ORBIT....

IT'S A
LOW EARTH
ORBIT SPACE
ELEVATOR.

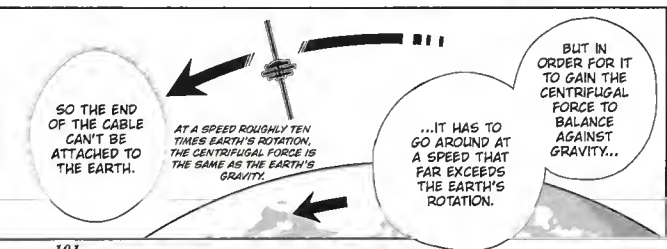
HERMES
CORD IS BASED
ON REVAMPED,
MORE
PRACTICAL
PLANS.

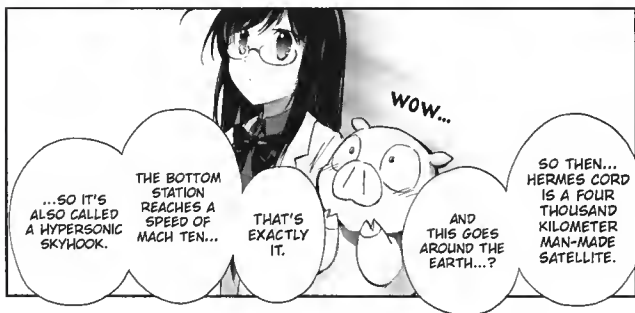
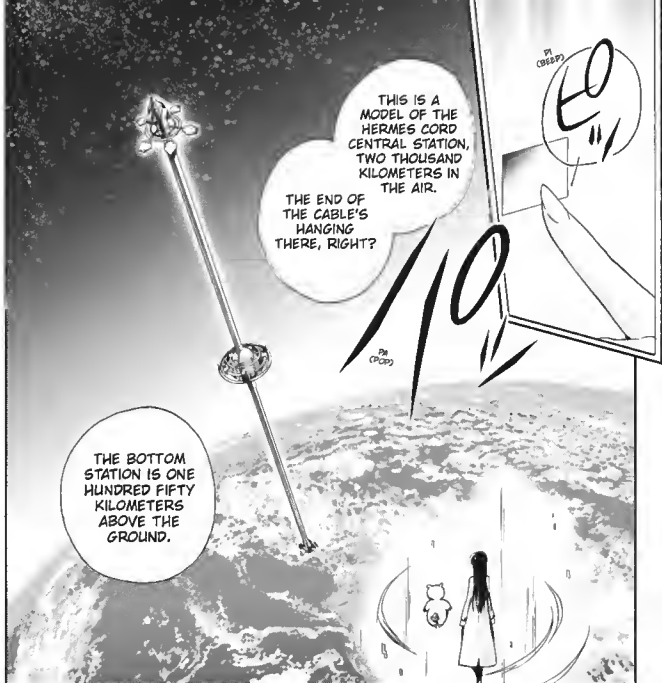


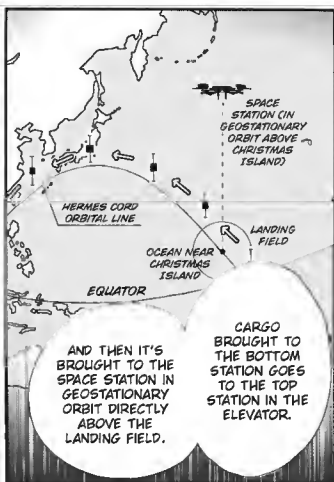
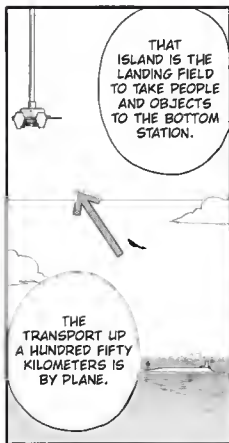
B-BUT THE
SPACE ELEVATOR
HERMES CORD
ALREADY
EXISTS.

EXACTLY.

THEY FINISHED IT
FIVE YEARS AGO,
IN 2042...?









THERE WAS
ONE TIME
WHEN IT DID
ALMOST FALL
ACTUALLY.

WHAT
!?



SEEMS LIKE
IT COULD
COME FALLING
DOWN. IT'S
KINDA SCARY,
HUH?

SO SOMETHING
LIKE THAT'S
WHIZZING
AROUND WAY
UP IN THE SKY
AT AMAZING
SPEEDS...



WE'VE
FINALLY COME
BACK TO THE
BEGINNING OF
THIS STORY.

MM.

SO
IT'S ALL
CONNECTED
...!!

OH!!



REMEMBER? AT
THE BEGINNING OF
SPRING, THERE
WAS THAT INCIDENT
WHERE TERRORISTS
MIXED IN WITH
TOURISTS AND
TRIED TO SET UP
EXPLOSIVES.

JAPAN TOOK
PART IN THE
BIDDING, AND
THAT'S HOW THE
FIRST EXPORT OF
THE SOCIAL CAMERA
TECHNOLOGY CAME
ABOUT.

THAT'S WHY
THEY DECIDED
TO ENHANCE
THE SECURITY
SYSTEM FOR
HERMES CORD.



...WHICH
MEANS YOU
DON'T NEED
ENORMOUS
RECORDING
DEVICES
OR HUMAN
OPERATORS IN
EACH AREA.

THE SYSTEM
AUTOMATICALLY
ANALYZES THIS
DATA WITH A
SUPER-HIGH-SPEC
SUPERCOMPUTER...

JAPAN'S SOCIAL
CAMERA SYSTEM
COLLECTS IN ONE
PLACE IMAGES
RECORDED WITH ITS
COUNTLESS CAMERAS
USING AN EXCLUSIVE
HIGH-SPEED NET.

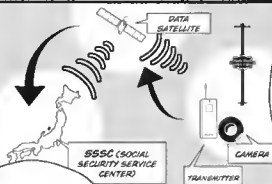


...THE IMAGES
RECORDED
WITHIN HERMES
CORD WOULD BE
PROCESSED WITHIN
JAPAN ON SERVERS
HACKED BY BB.

ASSUMING
THIS
HYPOTHESIS
IS CORRECT
...

HERMES CORD
NEEDS TO BE
AS LIGHT AS
POSSIBLE, SO...

...I EXPECT
THE FACT THAT
THEY ONLY
NEED TO EQUIP
THE CAMERAS
AND DATA
TRANSMITTERS
WILL BE A HUGE
ADVANTAGE.



TO THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD'S
HERMES
CORD!!

...WE
CAN GO
THERE!!

WE'RE
STILL
TALKING
POSSIBILITY
THOUGH.



I TOTALLY
CAN'T REACH
HERMES
CORD...

MY WINGS
HAVE A
MAXIMUM
ALTITUDE
OF FIFTEEN
HUNDRED
METERS AT
BEST.

SHUN
(DEJECTED)

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...

So I
guess it's
hopeless...
huh?

R-
RIGHT...

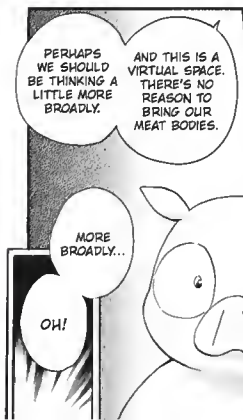
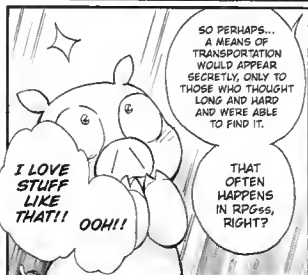
AS A GENERAL
RULE, WE DIVE
IN THE PLACE
WHERE OUR REAL
BODIES ARE.

TO DIVE WITHIN
HERMES CORD,
WE'D HAVE TO
GET THERE ON
THIS SIDE.

BURST
LINK!

FIRST OF
ALL, WILL BB
EXPAND THE
STAGES THAT
FAR?

AND THEN,
HOW DO WE
GET THERE?
...THERE'S
THAT ISSUE.



...IS IDEAL AS
A PORTAL TO
SEND AVATARS,
WHICH ARE
CONSTRUCTED
OF PURE
INFORMATION.

THE
INFORMATION
TRANSMISSION
FACILITY WITH
THE LARGEST
OUTPUT IN ALL
OF JAPAN...

—MM.

**TOKYO
SKYTREE...!?**

ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS WHEN
IT WOULD
APPEAR.

AFTER
THE SOCIAL
CAMERAS
HAVE BEEN
DEPLOYED...

...WHEN
IT'S
CLOSEST
TO JAPAN
FOR THE
FIRST TIME...

**THE DAY
AFTER
TOMORROW...
JUNE 5,
WEDNESDAY.
5:35 P.M....!!**

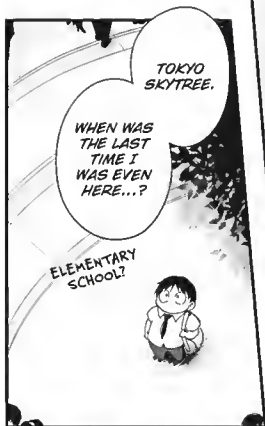
**...IT'S
SOONER
THAN I
THOUGHT.**

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

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TOKYO
SKYTREE.

WHEN WAS
THE LAST
TIME I
WAS EVEN
HERE...?

ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL?



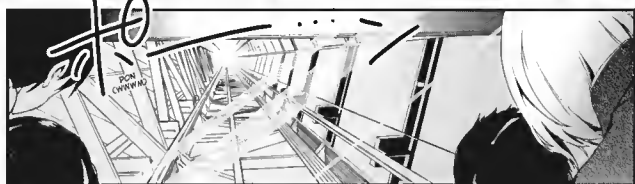
COMING
ALL THIS WAY,
I WANTED
KUROYUKI/HIME-
SENPAI TO COME
TOO, BUT...

THE STUDENT
COUNCIL'S
CRAZY BUSY
RIGHT NOW,
GETTING
READY FOR
THE SCHOOL
FESTIVAL...
NO WAY
AROUND IT,
I GUESS.



WHOA...

IT'S
SUPER
TALL...





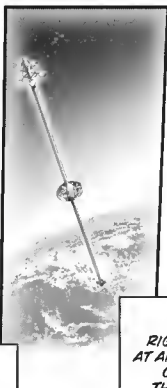
IT'S ME AND
OBSERVATION
DECKS THIS
WEEK, HUH?

GOING UP THE
GOVERNMENT
BUILDING WITH
CHIYU AND NOW...



DOKI
(CRASHING)

...IS COMING
TOWARD
US AT THE
HYPERSONIC
SPEED OF
MACH TEN.



...A
MAN-MADE
OBJECT FOUR
THOUSAND
KILOMETERS
LONG...



SO THAT
PLANE'S AT
AN ALTITUDE
OF ABOUT TEN
KILOMETERS,
RIGHT?

THE
WORLD...

IT'S
JUST
WAY
TOO
MACRO.

...IS SO
BIG.



...BECAUSE
I GET THIS
FEELING.

I'M SURE
I LOVE TO
LOOK UP AT
THE SKY...

YEAH...
RIGHT.

...WHEN I
BECOME
THIS MICRO,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.

I'M FAT
AND
PATHETIC
AND
SHORT,
BUT...



AND IT'S THE
SAME THING
WHEN I'M
SILVER CROW
AND FLYING IN
THE SKY
OF BRAIN
BURST.



SEEK-
ING...

...THE
SKY...

MY HEART
IS ALWAYS
SEEKING
THE SKY.

I WANT TO
FEEL THE
EXTREME
SPACE AND
TIME OF THAT
WORLD...

...BY TOUCHING
THE ENDLESS
SKY WITH MY
ENTIRE BODY.



RAK-
ER-
SAN...

IT CAN'T
BE THAT YOU
WANT TO
EXPERIENCE
THAT FLEETING
LIBERATION
THE WAY I DO.

IF THAT WAS
IT, YOU COULD
EASILY MAKE
THAT HAPPEN
WITH YOUR
CURRENT
ABILITIES...
RIGHT?

...WHY DO YOU
LOOK TO THE
SKY? WHAT ARE
YOU SEEKING?

KIM

047/06/05 17:34

Time remaining
until the set time:
87 seconds

...THE
PREDICTED
TIME
FOR THE
CLOSEST
APPROACH
OF HERMES
CORD—

GLOBAL NET

Do you want to connect to the
network?

S:34:42 P.M.

YES
(PRESS)

WHAT
IS IT...

...THAT YOU
WANT IN THE
SKY...?

IT'S
ALMOST
TIME.

...HUH.

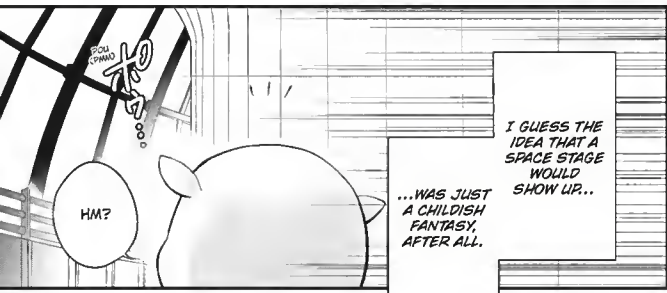
THREE...

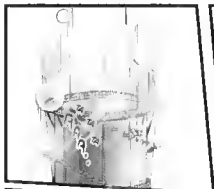
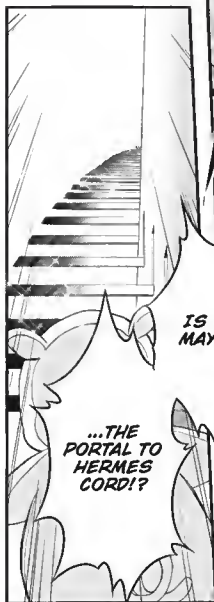
...TWO...

...ONE...

BURST
LINK.

BASHIN
CORRUPTIO



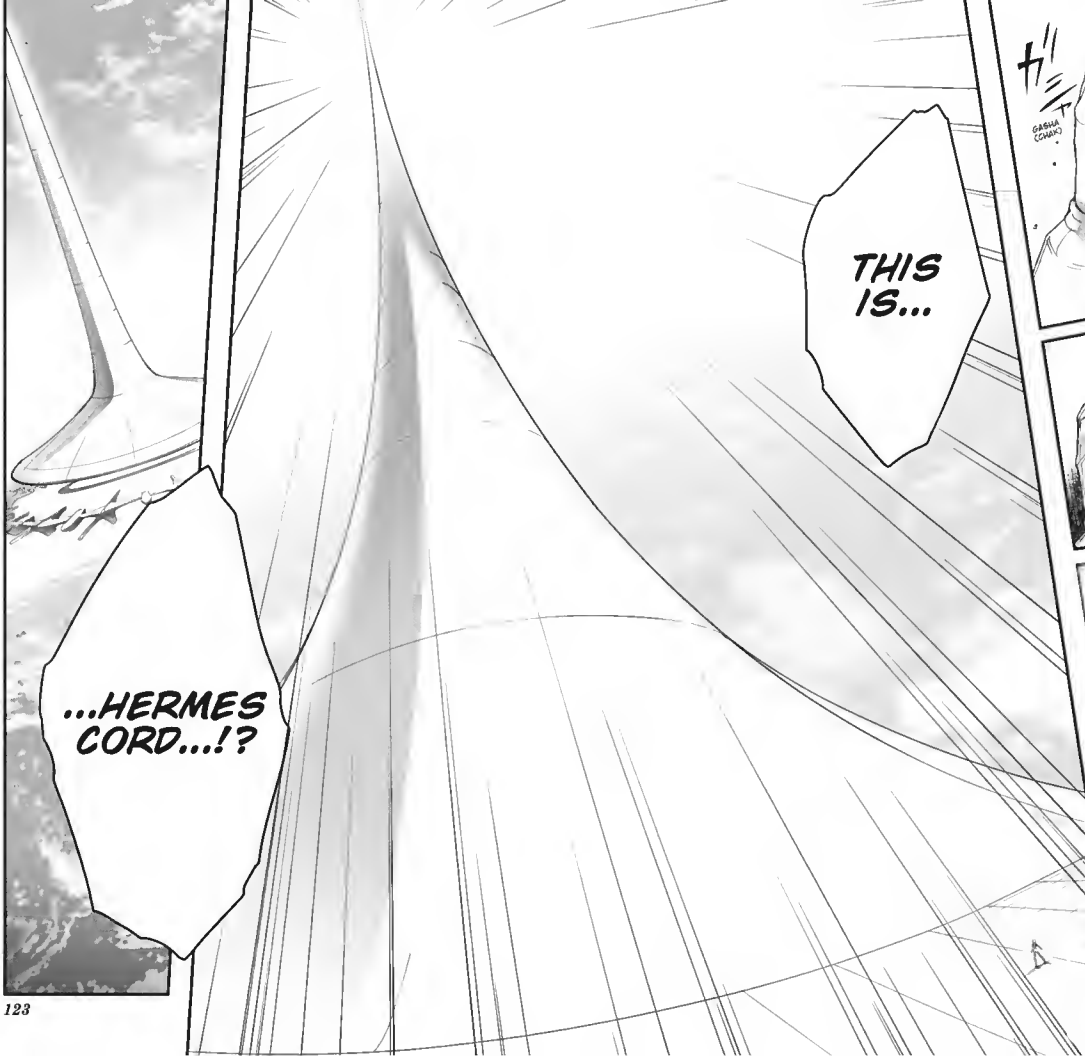




KIRI
(SKREEE)

WHOA
....!!

!?



...HERMES
CORD...!?

THIS
IS...



Unh...

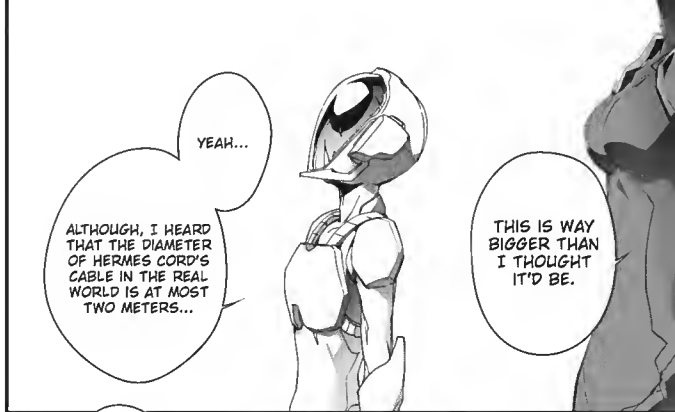


HUH...
I'M IN DUEL
AVATAR
FORM.



!!

TH—



YEAH...

ALTHOUGH, I HEARD
THAT THE DIAMETER
OF HERMES CORD'S
CABLE IN THE REAL
WORLD IS AT MOST
TWO METERS...

THIS IS WAY
BIGGER THAN
I THOUGHT
IT'D BE.





WH-WH-
WH-WH-
WHO-WHO-
WHO—?

WAAAH!

BKKU
(JUMP)



HUH!?

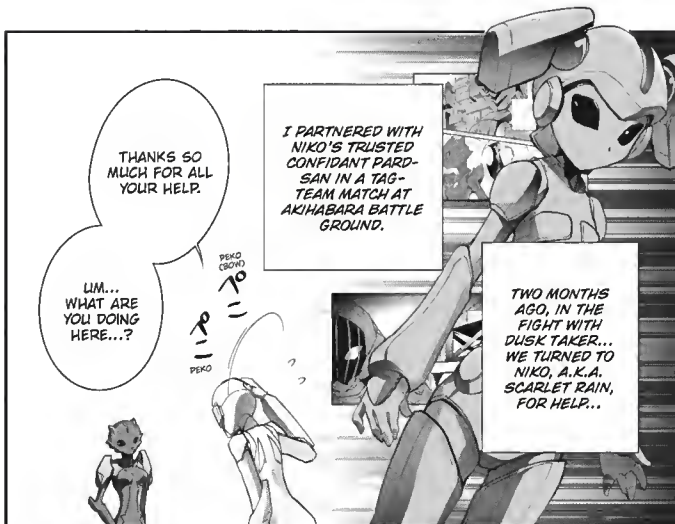
OH...!!

P-P-P-
P-PARD-
SAN!?

WH-
WH-WH-
WHEN DID
YOU—!?

PARD-SAN,
A.K.A. BLOOD
LEOPARD.

LEVEL SIX
BURST LINKER
BELONGING TO
THE RED LEGION
PROMINENCE.



THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

UM...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

I PARTNERED WITH NIKO'S TRUSTED CONFIDANT PARD-SAN IN A TAG-TEAM MATCH AT AKIHABARA BATTLE GROUND.

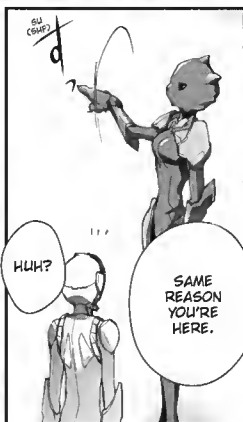
TWO MONTHS AGO, IN THE FIGHT WITH DUSK TAKER... WE TURNED TO NIKO, A.K.A. SCARLET RAIN, FOR HELP...

PEKO (GROW)
PEKO



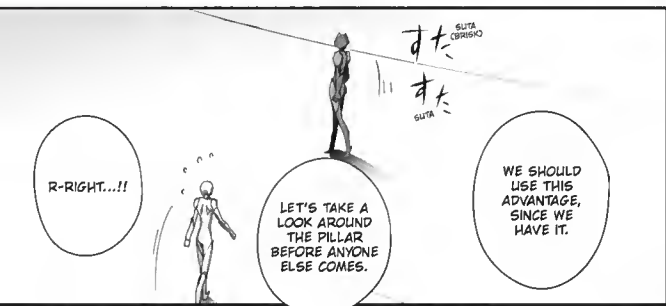
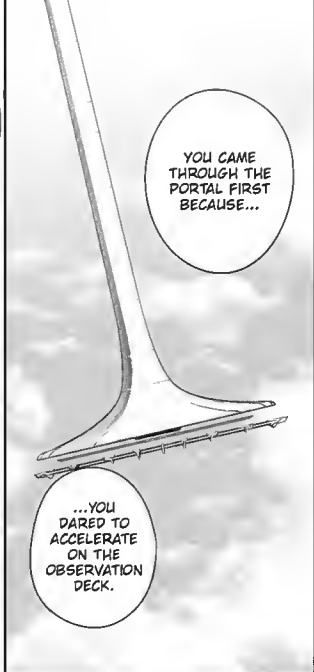
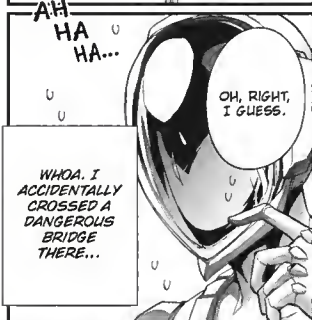
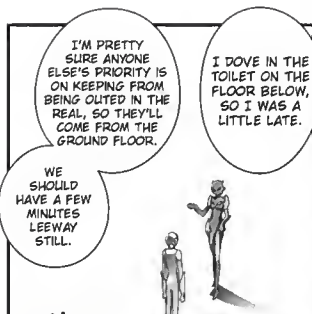
OH...

...RIGHT. HERMES CORD...!!



HUH?

SAME REASON YOU'RE HERE.





THIS IS
TOTALLY
WAY BETTER
REVENGE THAN
KICKING HIM
OFF THE TOP OF
SKYTREE!!

NICE
WORK,
HORN-
KUN!!

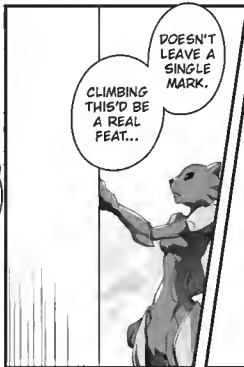
THIS IS
FOR THE
OTHER DAY.
GODDAM-
MIT!!

I'M SO
GLAD IT WAS
PARD-SAN
WHO SHOWED
UP NEXT
AFTER ME.

IF IT HAD
BEEN FROST
HORN AND HIS
PARTNER WHO
WE FOUGHT
THAT TIME...



THERE'S
SOME-
THING
OVER
THERE.

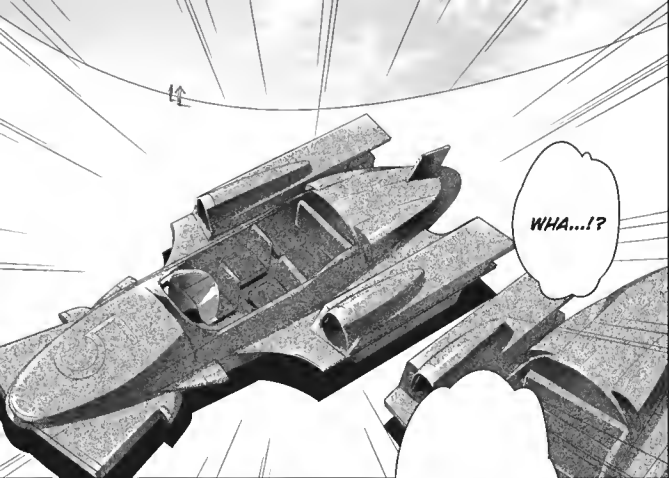


DOESN'T
LEAVE A
SINGLE
MARK.

CLIMBING
THIS'D BE
A REAL
FEAT...



KARI
(SKRTCH)



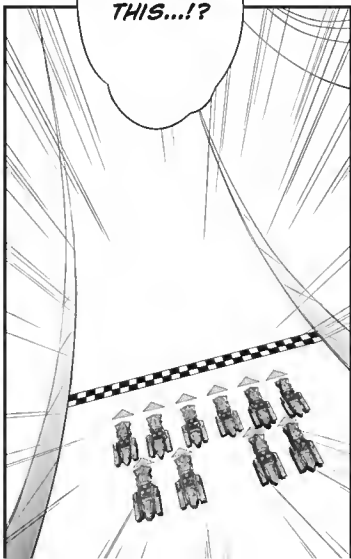
WHA...!?

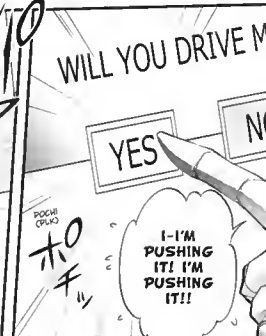
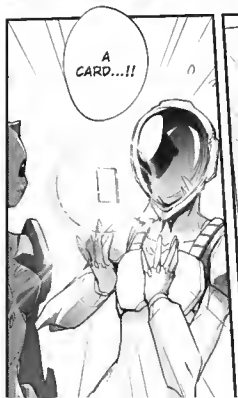


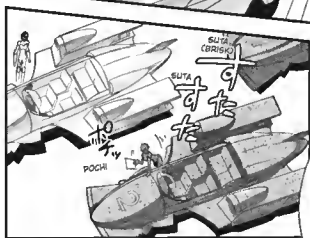
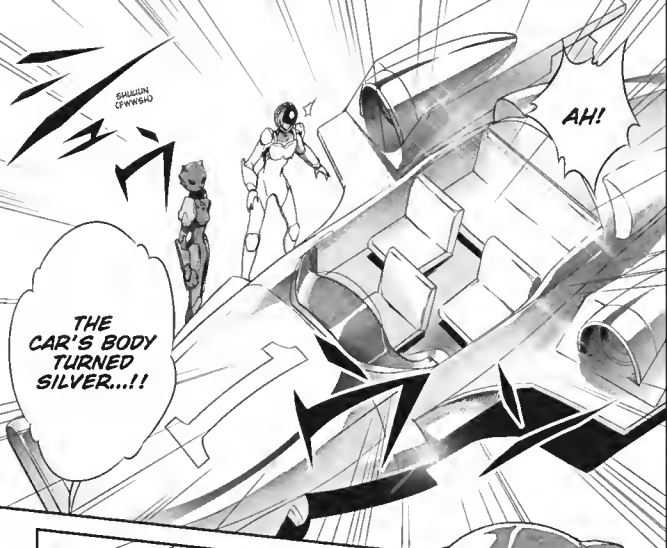
A CAR...?
A BOAT...?



WHAT IS
THIS...!?







I GET IT.



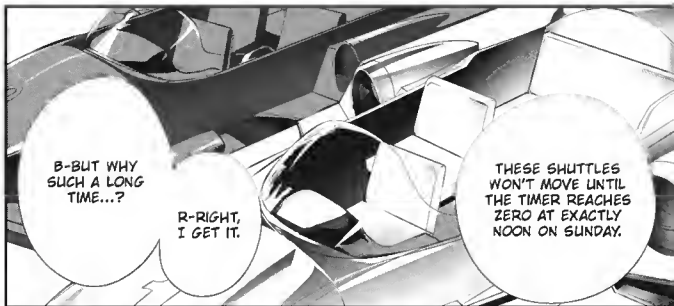


BUT WHAT'S
THIS
COUNTDOWN?

SO YOU AND I
ARE REGISTERED
AS THE DRIVERS
OF THESE CARS
OR BOATS OR
WHATEVER THEY
ARE.

UM...

まい
まい
MAJI
MAJI
(GIGARE)



B-BUT WHY
SUCH A LONG
TIME...?

R-RIGHT,
I GET IT.

THESE SHUTTLES
WON'T MOVE UNTIL
THE TIMER REACHES
ZERO AT EXACTLY
NOON ON SUNDAY.



SO,
THEN
...

...WHAT
HAPPENS
ON THE BIG
DAY...?



THE DRIVERS
REGISTERED IN
ADVANCE WITH THE
TEN SHUTTLES EACH
GET A CREW OF FOUR
READY AND TAKE ON
THE CHALLENGE ON
THE BIG DAY.

AS FAR
AS I CAN
TELL, EACH
SHUTTLE HAS
SEATS FOR
FIVE PEOPLE.



ONE, TWO,
THREE,
FOUR...TEN
SHUTTLES.

THE
THREE AND A
HALF DAYS...
WE'RE BEING
GIVEN A GRACE
PERIOD TO GET
READY.



A character in a mechanical suit is shown from the waist up, reaching their right arm upwards towards a bright, conical beam of light that forms a pillar. The character has a determined expression with their mouth open. The background is a bright, hazy sky with some clouds.

**...HEAD
FOR THE
TOP OF
THIS
PILLAR.**



A close-up of a character's face, showing their eyes and part of their nose and mouth. The character has a serious expression. The background is dark and indistinct.

OBVIOUS.

**...STEP
ON THE
ACCEL-
ERATOR,
AND...**

**READY,
SET...**



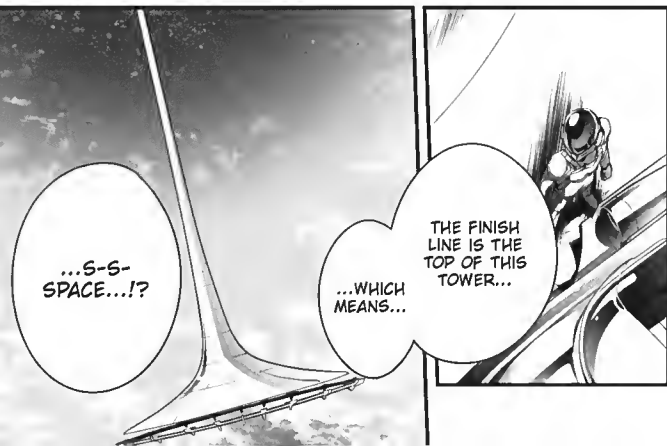
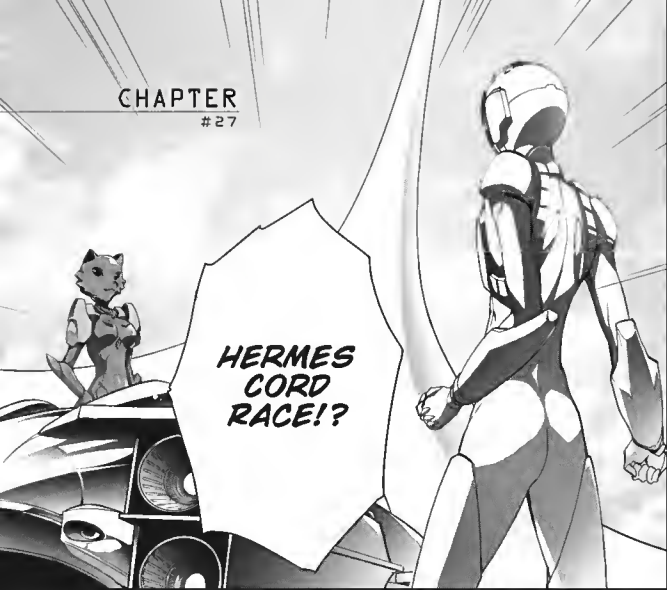
**IN
OTHER
WORDS...**

**...WE OBTAINED
THE RIGHT TO
PARTICIPATE IN
THE "HERMES
CORD RACE."**

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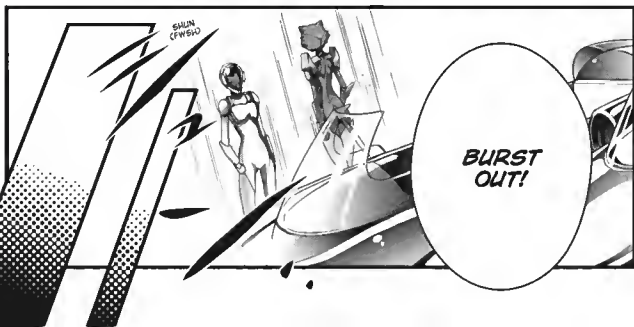
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...S-S-
SPACE...!?

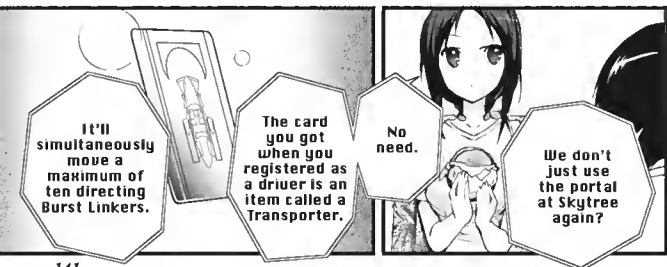
THE FINISH
LINE IS THE
TOP OF THIS
TOWER...

...WHICH
MEANS...











...EVEN
KUROYUKIHIME-
SENPAI, WHO IS IN
SERIOUS DANGER
OF BEING ATTACKED,
AS A LEVEL NINER,
CAN SAFELY TAKE
PART FROM HER
OWN AREA.

I GET
IT...THAT
MEANS...



So then,
we just get
together
in Suginami,
use this...

...and
we can go
straight to
Hermes
Cord?

Yes.

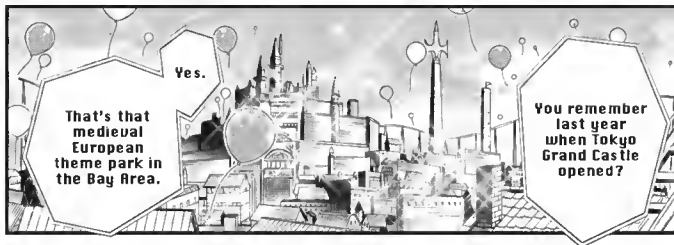


When there's
a large-scale
update in the
Accelerated
World, there
are one-off
events like
this one.



It's been eight
months already
since I became
a Burst Linker,
but this is the
first time I've
seen anything
like this.

Still...why
are we
suddenly
racing?



Yes.

That's that
medieval
European
theme park in
the Bay Area.

You remember
last year
when Tokyo
Grand Castle
opened?



And that was just that one day, right?

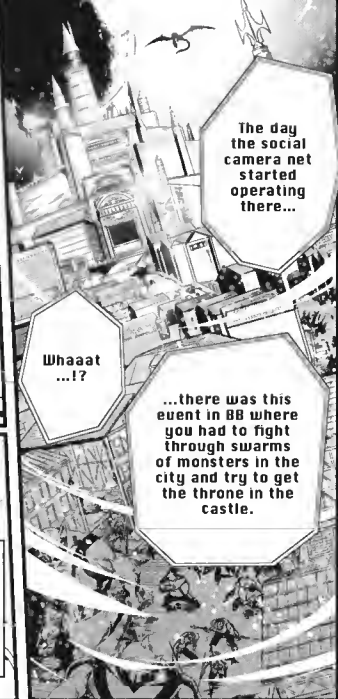
So then, this race...

Probably a one-off.



...I AM MEGA LUCKY!!

THEN... GETTING TO BE IN THIS RACE...



The day the social camera net started operating there...

Whaaat ...!?

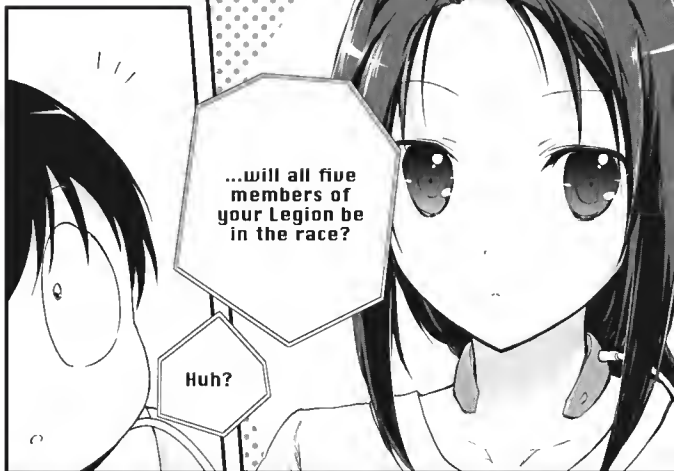
...there was this event in BB where you had to fight through swarms of monsters in the city and try to get the throne in the castle.



...look, Crow...

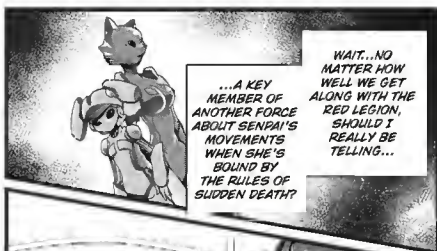
Anyway...

I'm really excited about this now!!



...will all five
members of
your Legion be
in the race?

Huh?



...A KEY
MEMBER OF
ANOTHER FORCE
ABOUT SENPAI'S
MOVEMENTS
WHEN SHE'S
BOUND BY
THE RULES OF
SUDDEN DEATH?

WAIT...NO
MATTER HOW
WELL WE GET
ALONG WITH THE
RED LEGION,
SHOULD I
REALLY BE
TELLING...



Huh?
Really?

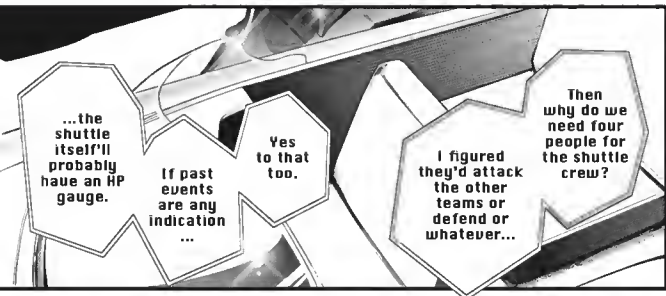
And HP
gauges are
locked during
the event, so
it's not even
possible.

I'm not
thinking of
using this
opportunity
to take the
Black King's
head or
anything.



Umm,
the shuttle
holds five
people,
so...

UHH...



...the shuttle itself'll probably have an HP gauge.

If past events are any indication ...

Yes to that too.

I figured they'd attack the other teams or defend or whatever...

Then why do we need four people for the shuttle crew?



In the Accelerated World...

...there are two people who are very important to me.



I get it... So rather than the avatars, you attack and defend the shuttles.

If that's it, then I'm sure all five of us will be in the race.

But... why do you ask?



One is
the King
I serve.

Someone
I want to
protect
no matter
what
happens.

And
the other
is...my
eternal
rival...

...Sky
Raker.

Huh...!?



But she's only participating in the battles to defend Territories...

...so I haven't seen her yet.

Oh...
Oh, right.



I was so happy when I heard she'd come back.

We became Burst Linkers at basically the same time...

...and we've fought countless duels. Strato Shooter, ICBM...

SO EVEN IF SHE WANTS TO DUEL, PARD-SAN TOTALLY CAN'T TAKE PART IN AN ATTACK ON THE SUGINAMI AREA...

THE RED AND BLACK LEGIONS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CEASE-FIRE OF AN INDEFINITE TERM.



— So...

Even if she's not on board with this event, I'm going to try to persuade her to come.

...I want to bring Raker-san to Hermes Cord somehow for my own reasons...

...the truth is...



Um...

Pard-san...





FRIENDS
FIGHTING
TOGETHER...
FRIENDLY
RIVALS
YOU CAN
RESPECT...



SOMETIMES, A
RELATIONSHIP
THAT'S MORE
THAN SIMPLE
ENEMIES COMES
OUT OF FIGHTING.

I WANT
TO BE
LIKE
THAT
TOO.

...I DON'T
WANT TO
HATE MY
OPPONENT,
AT THE
VERY LEAST.

EVEN IF I
GET BEATEN
BLACK AND
BLUE AND
I'M SO
FRUSTRATED
I COULD
CRY...



THAT'S
REALLY
GREAT...

HUH...
PARD-SAN
AND RAKER-
SAN...

THE
TERRIBLE
PAIN...

...THEY CAUSED
YOU, YOUR
FRIENDS...

...HOW THEY
MADE YOU
SUFFER...

GUYS LIKE
THAT...

ARE
YOU
GOING
TO LET
THEM

...?

That's...
I...

I must
be tired.

HAA...

THE
CENTER
OF MY
BACK...

...HURTS
LIKE I'M
BEING
STABBED
WITH A HOT
NEEDLE.

When I get
home, I'm just
gonna go to
bed...

TUKIN
GYAROO

TUKIN

HAA!...

**YOU
HAVE TO
STRIKE
THEM
DOWN!!**

...SHUT
UP!!

HAA...

IT'LL BE
BECAUSE I
LOVE THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD...!!

BUT IT WON'T
BE BECAUSE I
HATE THEM.

IF...

...THEY SHOW
UP AGAIN, I'LL
FIGHT THEM.

REALLY

.....?



▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT STAGE...!!

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SPECIAL 01





ACCEL WORLD
KUROYUKIHIME

WHOA...!!

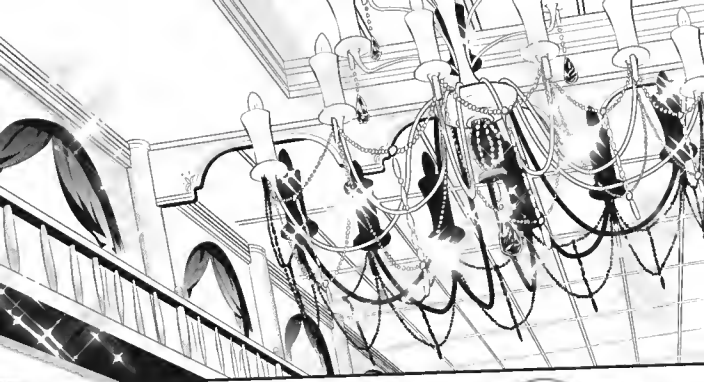
THIS IS THE
FIRST PARTY
I'VE EVER
BEEN TO.

I'M SO
NERVOUS....!!

IT'S LIKE A
PALACE...!!

ACCEL WORLD
HARUYUKI





DID YOU THINK YOUR WIFE IN AN
ONLINE GAME WASN'T A GIRL?
LUCIAN

PRETTY SOON.
LET'S TEAM
UP!!

ALTHOUGH,
YOU DON'T DIE
IF YOU GET
CUT DOWN IN
THIS WORLD,
SO IT'S KINDA
BORING.

SWORD ART ONLINE
KIRITO

WHEN'S
THE NEXT
EVENT START
DATE?

THAT
GAME
LOOKS
REALLY
GOOD!!

AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!

DID YOU THINK YOUR WIFE IN AN
ONLINE GAME WASN'T A GIRL?
AKO

LEAVING
IT ALL TO
SOME-
ONE
ELSE!?

IF I'M WITH
YOU...I'D BE
ALLOWED
TO SIMPLY
WATCH!!

I-I WANT TO
GO ADVENTURING
WITH YOU,
ASUNA-SAN!!

SWORD ART ONLINE
ASUNA

HONESTLY,
KIRITO-KUN...

BEFORE
I KNOW IT,
HE'S TALKING
ABOUT
GAMES...



THANK YOU,
MIYUKI.

THE IRREGULAR AT
MAGIC HIGH SCHOOL
TATSUYA SHIBA

DEAR
BROTHER...

...PLEASE,
RIGHT THIS
WAY.

THE IRREGULAR AT
MAGIC HIGH SCHOOL
MIYUKI SHIBA

KANA-
CHAN...!!

MAFU,
YOU'LL
SPILL IT!

EVERY-
ONE, HELP
YOURSELF.

THANKS,
MIYUKI-
SAN!!

THE DEVIL IS A PART-TIMER!
SADAO MAOU

THE DEVIL IS A PART-TIMER!
EMI YUSA

AND YOU'RE
THE DEVIL
KING! DON'T
JUST DEVOUR
FOOD LIKE
THAT!!

DON'T
YOU HAVE
ANY REAL
CLOTHES!?

DEL-
CIOUS!!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT...!!

AND ALL
OF THIS IS
FREE.





*FOR MORE ABOUT THE FIGHT WITH THE NOTHING, PLAY THE FIGHTING GAME DENGKI BUNGO FIGHTING CLIMAX, GETTING RAVE REVIEWS IN THE ARCADE AND ON THE PS3/PS VITA!

MAY YOUR SOUL REST
IN MAGDALA
KUSURA

I'D LIKE
TO TAKE
IT APART.

THIS IS A
MYSTERIOUS
VEHICLE.

BUT...
I'VE NEVER
SEEN SO MANY
GORGEOUS
PEOPLE.

YES...OUR
SENPAI ARE
THERE TOO.

KINO'S JOURNEY
HERMES

My
name is
Hermes.

I'm actually
an imperial
prince of pure
Motorrad
lineage.

Hee
hee
hee!

MAY YOUR SOUL REST
IN MAGDALA
FENESIS

WHAT KIND
OF TRAINING
MUST ONE DO
TO BE ABLE TO
DO THIS...? A
MYSTERY.

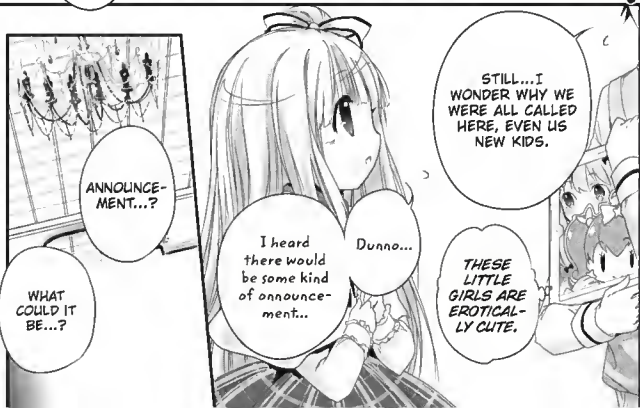
METAL
WHICH
SPEAKS...

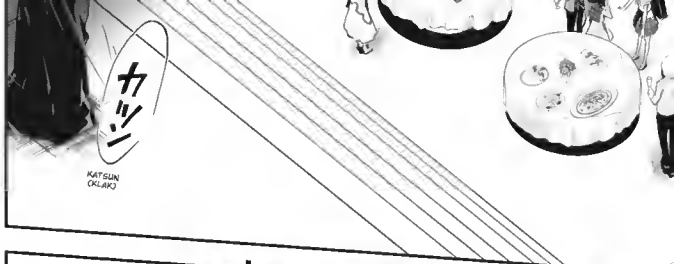
HERMES
...

...YOU'VE
GOTTA STOP
SAYING
WEIRD
THINGS.

KINO'S JOURNEY
KINO









BOOGIEPOP DOESN'T LAUGH
BOOGIEPOP

WHAT...?

WE WERE
INVITED BY
OUR GREATEST
SENPAI...!!



WAAAH!

THIS IS
INCREDIBLE!!

PEKORI
(BOW)

H-HELLO!!

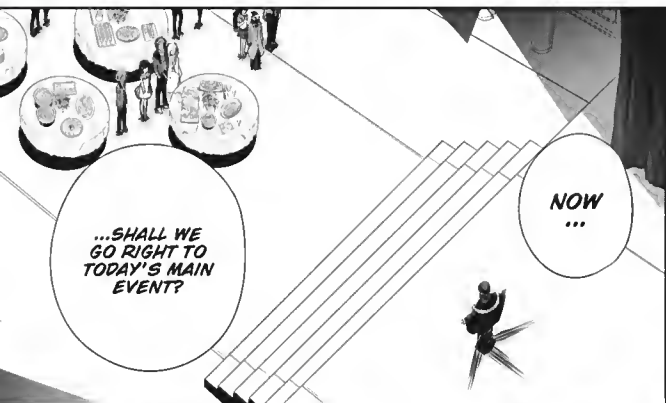


YOU WILL
NEVER AGAIN
HAVE THE
CHANCE...

WELCOME
TO THE
EVOLUTION
SPACE.

...TO COME
TOGETHER
IN ONE
ROOM LIKE
THIS.

I
APPRECIATE
YOU ALL
JOINING ME.





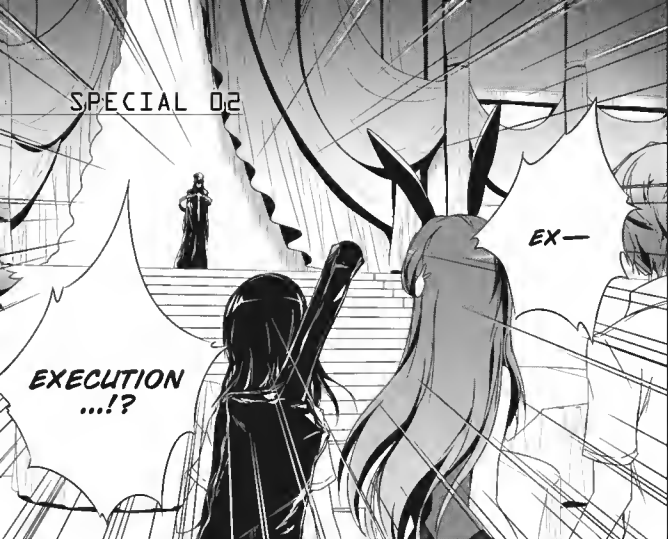
YOUR...

...EXECUTION.

**ALL
OF YOU
ENEMIES
OF THE
WORLD...**

!?

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**



EXECUTION
...!?

EX—



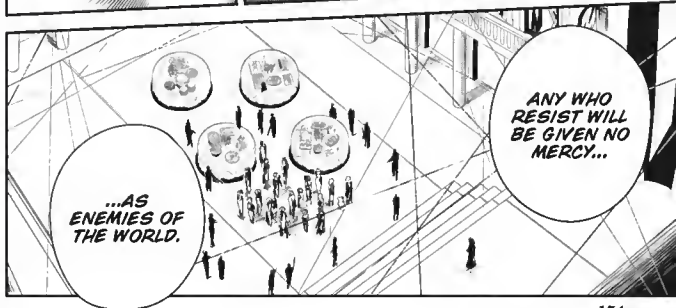
...ON
YOUR
ACTIONS
UP TO
NOW.

YOU'D
DO BEST
TO LOOK
BACK...



P-PLEASE
TELL US
WHY!!

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN!?







...
FAKER.

**I THINK
THAT'S
QUITE
ENOUGH...**

**YOU CANNOT
DECEIVE...**

...MY
**ELEMENTAL
SIGHT.**







ON IT!!

MAOU!!

YOU'RE
SHOWING
ME...

B4
(LEAP)



—What...?





Whaaat!?

A—

A little
girl...!?



ふる
FURU
(TREMBLE)

NGH!

FURU
ふる

FURU
ふる



WH-WHO
EXACTLY...?



I'M...

...NO ONE.



I...

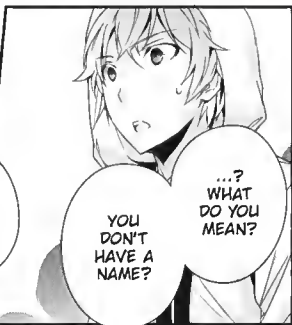


I'M...



I MEAN
I'M NOT
SOMEONE...
I'M ANYONE.

NO.



YOU
DON'T
HAVE A
NAME?

...?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



**YOU CAN
ALWAYS FIND
ME ANYWHERE,
ANYTIME,
BUT...**

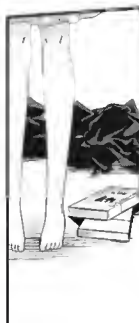
**...I DEFINITELY
WON'T STAY IN
YOUR MEMORY.**

I'M...

**...NEEDED
FOR
STORIES,
BUT...**

**...I'M NOT
SEEN AS
NECESSARY.**

**THE
THOUGHTS
OF THESE
NAMELESS
SUPPORTING
ROLES BECAME
ONE.**



**THAT'S
ME.**



PARA
(FLIP)
...5140

THESE
COUNT-
LESS
PAPER-
BACK
BOOKS...

THAT I
CHER-
ISHED AS
I READ
THEM.



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...TO STAND
IN THE
CENTER OF
THE WORLD
TOO.

I
WANTED...

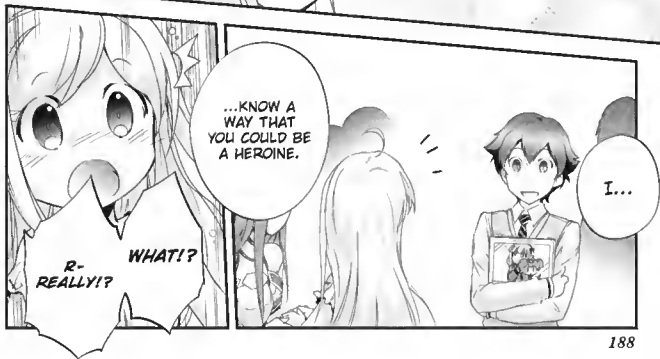


—THAT'S
WHY.

IF ALL
OF YOU WERE
GONE, THEN
MAYBE I COULD
STEP IN
INSTEAD...









AGREED!!

**ALL
RIGHT!!**

**NOW THAT
THAT'S SETTLED,
LET'S CONTINUE
WITH THE
PARTY!**

**WE STILL
HAVE SO MANY
STORIES TO
TELL!!**

BOOKS: THE IRREGULAR AT MAGIC HIGH SCHOOL, ACCEL WORLD, MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN MAGDALA, ETC.

**...THE NEXT
DENGEKI BUNKO
HIT IS ON ITS
WAY...**

**—AND
THUS...**

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comment

Congratulations on the release of *Accel World*, Volume Six! When the serialization of the comics adaptation of *Accel World* started, I never dreamed that it would go on for so long. The Hermes Card Race story included in this volume is one of my favorite episodes, so I'm beyond delighted at being able to read it with Algame-san's adorable, cool, and powerful images.

I'm pretty sure I'll be right there with all the other readers, excitedly following the conflict of Fuke, a.k.a. Sky Raker, who still has her reservations even though she's finally returned to Nega Nebulus, and Haruyuki's earnest, hard work.

I'll be cheering them all on with my whole heart forever!

Reki Kawahara

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PUBLICATION OF ACCEL WORLD 06!



character design: hima

06

accel world

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hiroyuki aigamo
original story:
reki kawahara

accel world 03: the twilight marauder &
accel world 04: flight toward a blue sky &
accel world 05: the floating starlight bridge &
special episode
character design:
hima



AFTERWORD

Thank you so much for picking up Volume 6 of the manga version of *Accel World*!

This Volume pulls from Volumes 3 and 4, and the beginning of Volume 5 of the original novel series, collected with a special one-shot I did for the 2014 summer/fall Dengeki fair.

Volumes 3—*The Twilight Marauder*—and 4—*Flight Toward a Blue Sky*—were put together into a single connected arc and turned into impressive moving images with such wonderful richness as the later half of an arc for the TV anime that started airing in April 2012. (If you haven't seen it, please do, if you get the chance!)

So then, what was I supposed to do for the manga? Of course, this was an episode I very much wanted to draw! In particular, I wanted to draw lots of Nomi-kun's amazing bad guy character! But taking the pace of the manga into consideration, we figured it would take a full three years to do! So the author of the original novels, Reki Kawahara-sensei, my editor, and I sat down for a thorough discussion of how the manga version should go forward.

And we decided that it would be best to start writing the stories from the original novel's Volume 5 and on, which haven't been depicted in the anime yet, so with a form that captures as much of the details of Volumes 3 and 4 as possible, I wrote the events of these volumes in a flashback summary style (in the form of a report to Kuroyukihime).

I'd be really happy if those of you who really want to see this episode in a non-digest format went out and picked up Volumes 3 and 4 of the original novels and also the anime version!

Also, the special one-off "Evolution Declaration! Dengeki Bunko FIGHTING Fair Memorial Collaboration Comic" at the end of this volume was a collaboration comic with the characters from thirteen popular Dengeki Bunko titles, for a total of twenty-five (!) people.

In writing it, I had so much help from the original authors and editors of the works, and I want to thank them all from my heart for so readily agreeing to let me use their works in the comic. I want to take this moment to say how grateful I am.

And now we'll finally be getting to the manga main story, Volume 5 of the original novel, *The Floating Starlight Bridge*! And I'll be working hard to draw the manga with maximum energy as always.

I'd be very happy if we met again in the next volume. This has been Hiroyuki Aigamo!

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